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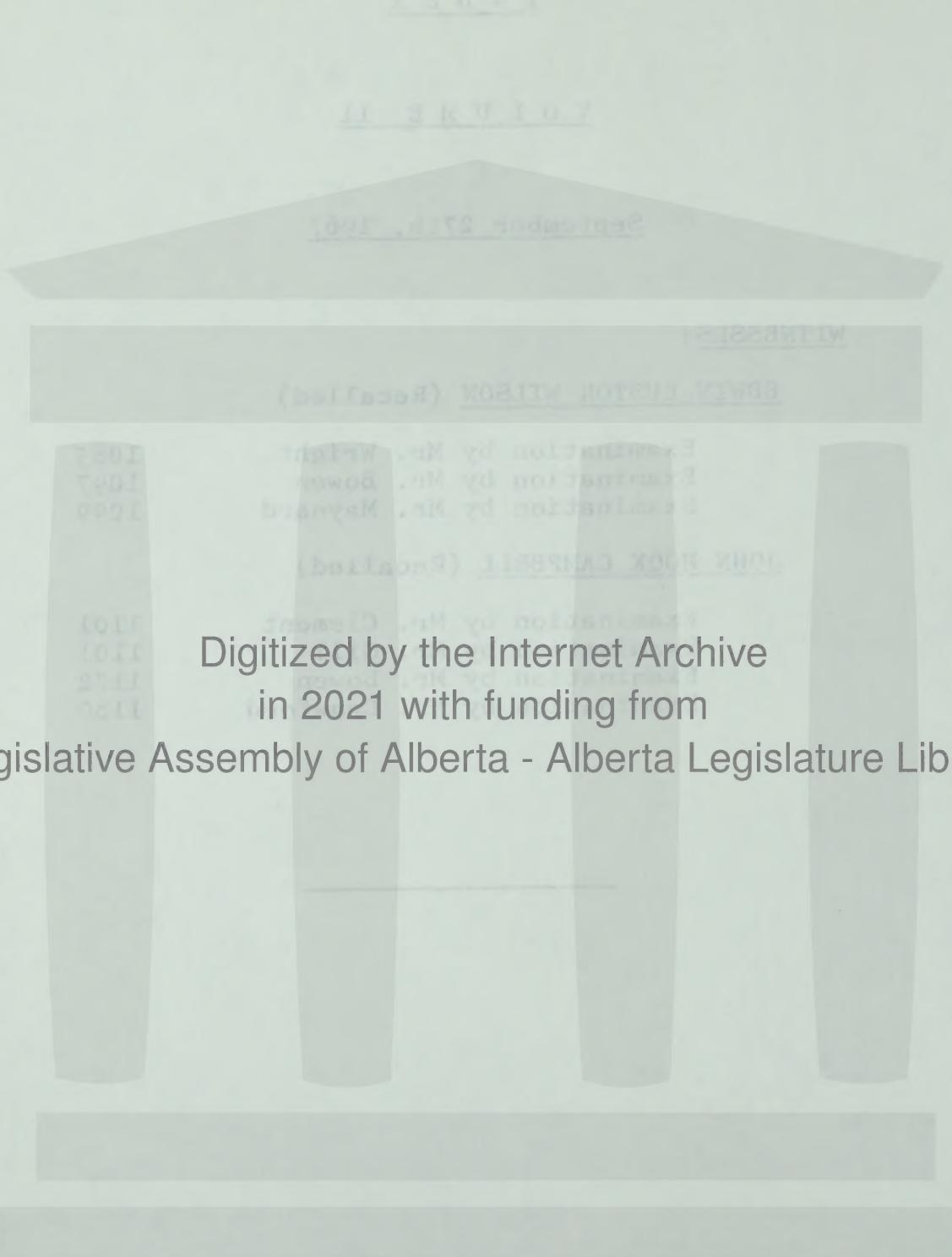
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PROCEEDINGS before The Honourable
Mr. Justice W. J. C. Kirby, this
27th day of September, A.D., 1967,
at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, at
the Court House, in the City of
Edmonton, Province of Alberta.

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Commissioner, in view of the opening approach of Mr. Gill and the cross-examination of Mr. Campbell it might be convenient to him if I put in at this stage the corporate records which I have in my possession respecting Ideal Homes Limited, which commence with a Certificate of its incorporation, 1950, and proceeds through some more relevant developments of the company.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Wright?

MR. WRIGHT: My Lord, perhaps I could mention at this time so that Mr. Friedman can bring it, but we need Mr. Wilson.

MR. CLEMENT: Is he on deck?

MR. FRIEDMAN: Mr. Commissioner, I understood yesterday when speaking with regard to Mr. Wilson's future appearances that if in going through the file submitted that if there were any documents that they wanted to be admitted in evidence they would draw it to the attention of Commission counsel and then Mr. Wilson would be advised to reappear. I gather from this then that Mr. Wilson's future appearance will be required, and if so I am prepared to have him appear at such time as he may be required.

THE COMMISSIONER: You can take that up.

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MR. CLEMENT: You have some documents you wish to examine on?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Clement, you will work that in?

MR. CLEMENT: Yes, I will do that, sir.

Perhaps it would be convenient to put these in as one Exhibit, sir, as has been the case in other matters. No, I think I might separate some of them though because some of them are copies of Minutes and other documents.

The first Exhibit I will tender, sir, is the Memorandum of Association of Ideal Homes Limited and the Certificate of Incorporation, both dated June 17th, 1950.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 223.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF
IDEAL HOMES, MARKED EXHIBIT 223.

MR. CLEMENT: The annual reports of the company for the years ended December 31st, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 224.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF IDEAL HOMES FOR
THE YEARS 1950 TO 1955 INCLUSIVE,
MARKED EXHIBIT 224.

MR. CLEMENT: I might include in that Exhibit, sir, a Certificate of Change of Name of the company which was made in November, 1951, from "Ideal Homes Limited" to "Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited".

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 225.

MR. CLEMENT: That is part of the other.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, that is part of the other?

CERTIFICATE OF CHANGE OF NAME
OF IDEAL HOMES LIMITED ADDED TO
EXHIBIT 224.

MR. CLEMENT: I think it would be convenient that way,
sir.

I tender as one Exhibit three Returns of Allotment, one registered on August 31st, 1950, one registered on September 4th, 1951, and one registered on October 26th, 1951, showing allotments and transfers of shares and in which the name of Alfred John Hooke becomes involved.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 225.

RETURNS OF ALLOTMENTS IN IDEAL
HOMES, AS PRODUCED, MARKED
EXHIBIT 225.

MR. WRIGHT: Perhaps Mr. Clement will just state who those allotments are to, just to save time.

MR. CLEMENT: I will make sure I am correct and in chronological order here, sir.

Well, in order to make this intelligible, sir, I should mention that on the annual report for the year ended December 31st 1950 there is shown as shareholders: Mr. A. J. Hooke for 2000 shares, and Mr. Spady for 2000 shares, being the whole of the issued share capital up to that time.

The annual report made up to December 31st, 1951 shows: Mr. Alfred John Hooke, 3000 shares; Mr. Chris Hooke, 3000 shares; Mr. John H. Campbell, 3000 shares; and Mr. Spady, 3000 shares.

That continued unchanged at the end of 1952. At the

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MR. CLEMENT: (Cont.) end of 1953 the shareholdings were these:

Mr. Chris E. Hooke, 4000 shares; Mr. John H. Campbell, 4000 shares; and Mr. Spady, 4000 shares; with the notation that Mr. Hooke's holdings had been transferred on May 2nd 1953, that is the 3000 shares which he held had been transferred as to 1000 each to the persons I have named.

Then the Return of Allotment which is stamped as having been registered on August 30th, 1950, shows an allotment of 2000 shares to A. J. Hooke on July 31st that year; of 2000 shares to Mr. Spady on the same date.

The next Return of Allotment, September 4th, 1951, is the registration date, it shows an allotment of 3000 shares to John H. Campbell on July 31st 1951; Chris E. Hooke of 3000 shares on the same date.

And the Return of Allotment registered on October 26th 1951 shows an allotment of shares to A. J. Hooke on September 28th 1951 of 1000, and a similar allotment to Mr. Spady on the same date.

I have to review those to see whether the figures are right, sir.

Then I file a Notice of Directors dated the 10th of July, 1950, which was immediately after the incorporation, sir. The Notice of Directors shows Alfred John Hooke and Harry Lewis Spady, Alfred John Hooke, Cabinet Minister, Harry Lewis Spady, builder, as the Directors of the company; and the Minutes of a shareholders' meeting of the company -

THE COMMISSIONER:

The Notice of Directors will be Exhibit

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THE COMMISSIONER: (Cont.) 226.

MR. CLEMENT: Yes, I was going to put them all in as one, sir, but we will put the Notice of Directors then in separately.

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS RE IDEAL HOMES MARKED EXHIBIT 226.

MR. CLEMENT: The next three papers are Minutes:

(1), the Minutes of the meeting of the shareholders on July 31st, 1951, Alfred John Hooke and Harry L. Spady being the shareholders; and it is a Resolution that John Hooke Campbell be allotted 3000 ordinary shares in Ideal Homes in consideration of transferring to Ideal Homes the property known as Lot 10, Block 15, Plan 1389.HW, King Edward Park, the same to be sold and the balance over and above \$3,000.00 to be returned to Mr. Campbell in cash or as otherwise agreed.

There is also a Resolution that Chris E. Hooke be allotted 3000 shares, partly cash and partly on demand.

The next Minute, sir, is of a meeting of shareholders of September 28th, 1951, in which A. J. Hooke, H. L. Spady, John H. Campbell and Chris E. Hooke were in attendance, and there is a Resolution that a thousand additional shares be allotted to A. J. Hooke and a thousand additional shares be allotted to H. L. Spady in consideration of additional services performed for the company.

And then there is a Resolution, a special Resolution of shareholders on May 2nd, 1953, amending Article 55 of the

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MR. CLEMENT: (Cont.) Articles of Association of the Company,

so that as amended it reads:

"55. A Director shall not be required to hold any shares in the company to qualify him to act as a Director, but it shall be his duty to comply with the provisions of The Companies Act."

I think -

THE COMMISSIONER: Those three Minutes will be Exhibit 227.

MINUTES OF IDEAL HOMES LIMITED,
MARKED EXHIBIT 227.

THE COMMISSIONER: I note Mr. Wilson is in the room.

MR. CLEMENT: Very well then, Mr. Wilson, will you take the box, please?

EDWIN EUSTON WILSON, recalled, examined by Mr. Wright:

A Mr. Commissioner, may I apologize for not being here at nine o'clock, but I was endeavouring to find additional documents.

THE COMMISSIONER: Fine.

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Wilson, you are still under oath?

A Yes.

Q MR. WRIGHT: Yes, Mr. Wilson, I was trying to get a perfectly simple point from you yesterday, and it was this, that any dealings that the Government had with respect to the Treasury Branches as between landlord and tenant were had with Mr. Hooke and not with Mrs. Hooke with the sole exception of the formalities of entering into new leases and renewals of leases; and you said that was not so?

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A From my reading of the file on two occasions it is not so.

Q Yes, and you said you had read the file?

A I had read the file in your presence, I have gone through the file in your presence once and once previously.

Q Yes, now, and you still say that is so, eh?

A I say it is not so. The dealings were not with Mr. Hooke because the correspondence as I recall it was with Mrs. Helena Hooke with the exception of about four letters, memos to Mr. Hooke.

Q Oh, there are four letters now?

A This is what we had agreed to.

Q The ones I drew to your attention yesterday?

A Correct.

Q Could you give Mr. Wilson the file, please. Almost the very first thing in the file is a memorandum that Mr. Stacey had dropped in to see Mr. Hooke regarding an outside toilet, isn't that so, on the 15th of January, 1940?

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

A Well I saw this yesterday, I know there is a memo to this effect.

Q Yes, and on the 22nd of February, 1940 a memorandum re the new lease, the original lease. Do you have that? It is a handwritten memorandum as I recall, the 22nd of February, 1940?

A Pardon me, I was not interested in anything prior to 1943.

Q Yes, well I am Mr. Wilson, answer the question please.

A What date?

Q 22nd of February, 1940?

A From Mr. Stacey to Mr. Schnitka.

Q It was a handwritten note of the terms of the original lease which was carried forward when Mr. Hooke became a Minister?

A A memo, February 14th, one February 20th, there is one February 22nd from Mr. Stacey to Mr. Schnitka, there is one February 26th from Mr. Stacey.

Q Now, those notes are clearly taken down after a conference with Mr. Hooke, aren't they?

A I couldn't agree with you. To me there is just some pencil scribbling.

Q Mr. Hooke's name is on the top of it, isn't it Mr. Wilson?

A It just says the word Hooke, H-o-o-k, it doesn't say Mr. Hooke, it says the south twenty feet of building situated on Lot --

Q Mr. Hooke, doesn't it?

A If you take the file apart.

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Q Yes, well you said you looked at the file, didn't you?

On the 17th of January, 1942 Mr. Hooke telephoned Mr. Hall to prepare a new lease?

A Beg your pardon, what is that date?

Q The 17th of January, 1942?

A There is a file memo, sir, "Telephone Mr. Hall to prepare new lease on terms as stated in letter."

Q Yes, on the 20th of November, 1944 Mr. Stacey to Mr. Hooke, "Hope you will have these premises cleaned up at an early date."?

A I remember reading this memo.

Q Yes, all right, and that was because Mr. Potter, the manager of the Treasury Branch at Rocky Mountain House had on the 20th of November, 1944 written in to head office saying "The premises were the dirtiest he had ever worked in" isn't that so?

A This is correct.

Q Yes, and it was the landlord's duty to clean them under the lease, wasn't it?

A Under the original lease it was the landlord's -- the lease was all inclusive.

Q Yes?

A There is subsequent leases of which we have no record of. We don't know what the conditions were of the lease at that time.

Q Yes but at this time we know it was the landlord's duty in 1944 or, perhaps you don't?

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

A From the file we know that there was a one year lease entered into, a renewal of a one year lease --

Q Well, if you read the file it is obvious what the situation is but, I am not going to bother with that Wilson, you obviously haven't read it. On the 1st of December 1944, Mr. Stacey to the manager of the Treasury Branch "I have taken up with the owner the matter of redecorating the Treasury Branch building and he agrees to have same done." isn't that so?

A There is a memo on those lines, yes. What date is that please?

Q 1st of December, 1944?

A "I have taken up with the owner the matter of redecorating the Treasury Branch at Rocky Mountain House and he agreed to have same done."

Q Yes, thank you. On the 25th of May 1945 Mr. Stacey writes to Mr. Hooke that the bill he sent in for the electricity was too big, isn't that so?

A What date is that? I recall --

Q The 25th of May, 1945?

A I recall a memo dealing with light.

Q Yes, you won't disagree with me if I say that is what it says?

A No I won't. Yes, there is a memo.

Q Yes, conjoined with the complaint that there is something radically wrong regarding the heat and smoke conditions?

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

A This is correct.

Q And it says that Mr. Stacey had been talking to Mr. Hooke or vice versa about the question of light bills?

A There is a memo, June 13th, it says - "In regard to this branch assuming the charge for electricity --" is this the one you mean?

Q No, the 25th of May, 1945?

A Stacey to manager of Treasury Branch and Stacey to A.K. Olive.

Q No, Stacey to Hooke?

A Yes. "Attached please find copy of letter I have written to the manager of Treasury Branch which is self explanatory. When speaking to you regarding lights I understood it would run about seven or eight dollars a month."

Q And they came in at twenty?

A At one point, yes.

Q Yes. On the 13th of June, 1945 the electric light bill we have been talking about was returned to Mr. Hooke to pay was it not?

A Yes, "In regard to this branch assuming charges for electricity supplied in your building at Rocky Mountain House, before going any further I am taking this matter up with our Deputy Minister." is this the letter, 13th of June, '45?

Q Well, the bill is actually returned to Mr. Hooke?

A Yes, "I am returning the electric light account to you as I feel that you should pay it in the meantime."

Q Yes, and it still wasn't paid at the end of the month so the

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Q (cont.) same bill was sent again, wasn't it, the 28th of June?

A Yes, this is correct, I remember that.

Q And on the 9th of September, 1946, you told us last time or, agreed with me rather that Mr. Olive went to Rocky Mountain House at the request of Mr. Hooke and there is a note on the side of that same letter that says "hold for letter from Mr. Hooke"?

A This is correct, a pencilled note.

Q Yes, and on the 23rd of November, 1946 Mr. Potter, the manager of the Treasury Branch at Rocky Mountain House writes to Mr. Stacey, the superintendent of buildings to say that he had been talking to Mr. Hooke about a caretaker at the branch?

A 23rd of November, 1946?

Q Yes?

A Yes, "I have been talking to Mr. Alfred Hooke".

Q Thank you, and on the 28th of November, 1946 the caretaker recommended by Mr. Hooke is agreed to be employed or something along those lines? 28th of November, 1946?

A This is commenced December 1st, 1946 from Mr. Stacey to Mr. Potter of the Treasury Branch. "--" on the 28th of November, 1946 Mr. Stacey to Mr. Potter of the Treasury Branch it states "In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant it will be quite in order for you to arrange with Mr. A.C. Titford to do the janitor work at the Treasury Branch for \$25.00 a

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A (cont.) month during the winter and \$20.00 a month for the summer months, this arrangement to commence February 1st, 1946."

Q Well, there must be another memorandum of that date, it says caretaker recommended by Mr. Hooke, is what it says?

A 28th of November?

Q Yes, that is what I understood.

A I repeated the 23rd and I was looking at the 23rd. "As our Rocky Mountain House branch will be moving into new premises very soon, they will require the services of a janitor. A janitor service was provided by the owner of the previous premises. In this respect they have submitted the name of Mr. A.C. Titford who has been recommended by the Honourable A.J. Hooke".

Q Yes. Incidentally yesterday you told the Commissioner, not with any great certainty admittedly, that the move was never made to that new building. It was, wasn't it? It was on the same lot but a different --

A There were two buildings abutting one another and the property was all owned as one as of that time.

Q Yes, but there was a move to new premises, wasn't there?

A To new space within the same building, yes.

Q Mr. Wilson, I wish you would be perfectly candid, the building was sufficiently separate that it could be sold separately, later was it not?

A Not until it was surveyed later, as we know from the files, it was surveyed later for the purpose of disposing of title.

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

Q But it was a separate building on the same lot was it not?

There is a drawing of it in the file is there not?

A Well, if you can decide that from this drawing, I can't.

Q So you don't know, is that it?

A I don't know.

Q Yes, but it is obviously moved into new premises?

A What appears to me to be space within the same building.

Q And, it was the space, I say it was the building, you say
space --

A Space.

Q -- that Mr. Olive had been sent up to inspect by Mr. Hooke?

A This would appear to be the case from the file.

Q And it was Mrs. Hooke's premises?

A Yes, it was under her name.

Q On the 30th of January 1947 Mr. Stacey writes to Mr. Hooke
asking him for \$25.00 for a used furnace that was installed,
is that not so?

A What date is that? I am not aware of it.

Q The 30th of January, 1947?

A From Mr. Stacey to the Honourable Mr. Hooke "Attached is an
account due W.J. Burrows for purchase of used furnace, we
rebuilt furnace and installed same in your building at Rocky
Mountain House".

Q Thank you. 17th of March, 1947, Mr. Stacey to Mr. Hooke,
sends a bill for labour and materials for renovating or
improving these premises for \$850.78, is that not so?

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

A Yes. "Attached is statement covering labour and materials supplied to your building at Rocky Mountain House amounting to \$850.78."

Q Does it say "Supplied to building"?

A "Attached statement covering labour and material to apply."

Q "To apply"?

A "Apply".

Q That was in March, on the 2nd of July 1947 Mr. Hooke had still not paid the bill, had he?

A No, this is correct.

Q And a correction was asked for in the amount of \$200.00?

A Yes, he stated or, somebody stated that they thought the furnace had been charged for twice.

Q Right, and the corrected bill was sent to Mr. Hooke, that is 25th of July --

Q Mr. Counsel, you have had more time to read this than I have, I am not as familiar with the file.

Q You said you had read the file to the Commissioner?

A I said I had read the file in your presence here.

Q You didn't say that; any way, the 25th of July 1947?

A Addressed to Mr. Hooke, yes, "Attached is correct statement covering your portion of repairs and operation of the Treasury Branch at Rocky Mountain House."

Q Thank you. On the 19th of February, 1948 Mr. Hooke's solicitor writes with regard to the sale to Lewis, not Mrs. Hooke's, is that not so?

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.

A The 19th?

Q Of February, 1948?

A Of February, 1948?

Q At least, that is what the superintendent says in a letter to Mr. Lewis?

A 19th of February to Mr. Lewis, letter from Mr. Stacey or building superintendent or whoever he was at that time "In reply to your letter of February 3rd, 1948 regarding above premises we have been advised by Mr. Hooke's solicitor that he has written you direct on this matter."

Q Yes, thank you. Now, will you give us one example from that large file of a communication to or from Mrs. Hooke with regard to the premises other than of course renewal of leases or the signing of the leases which happens once in a while?

A Counsel, I would like to point out, in my evidence that I gave here I stated that I had asked for the file to be checked for all matters other than maintenance and the information I had was the information supplied to us which I have here and presented to counsel and it did not deal with maintenance and the only thing I found in the file with respect to maintenance is that which I saw in your presence here yesterday at the interval or, recess.

Q Mr. Wilson yesterday you swore that the only reference to Mr. Hooke is where Mr. Olive I think it is, wrote and referred to Mr. Hooke which appears to be in error because

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Q (cont.) the lease has been with Mrs. Hooke right throughout the file, correspondence with Mrs. Hooke --

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Commissioner, I think there is no doubt whatsoever that Mr. Wilson stated yesterday, that what he was referring to was documents other than relating to maintenance when he was answering on that point.

MR. WRIGHT: With the greatest respect Mr. Commissioner all I wanted to do yesterday was to bring out the fact that Mr. Hooke while a Minister of the Crown was the one the Government corresponded with without exception, with regard to this lease except for the formalities of the signing of the leases themselves and Mr. Wilson told Your Lordship that that was not so and said that I hadn't read the file and that wasn't in the file and perhaps he will now correct this?

A Mr. Commissioner and Mr. Counsel, yesterday after the quick perusal of this file you asked me a question -- May I have the counsel's question of yesterday please?

Q I read it to you once this morning, question, page 1039
 " From the perusal of the entire file it is clear that apart from the occasions when the lease had to be renewed, when of course the registered owner would have to be contacted, it was Mr. Hooke that was dealing with the matter throughout?

A I beg your pardon sir, you haven't read that in the file.

Q Pardon?"

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E.E. Wilson - Wright Ex.
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A I beg your pardon, I said I have not read that in the file. My answer to that was I have not read that in the file. You were asking me to confirm an opinion of yours as to what took place and I could not concur because I had not read it into the file.

Q So, the reporter got down the word 'you' wrongly then?

A I would say so.

Q Perhaps he also got down wrongly that my question was
 " Are you suggesting that the only reference to Mr. Hooke is where he is stated to be the owner in error?

A In error, correct.

Q That is the only real reference?

A That is the only real reference.

Q Have you read the file Mr. Wilson?

A I have gone through the file for a second time just now."?

A This is correct. Once when I was in the anteroom out here when the file was brought down to me and the second time here in your presence.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any other counsel any questions?

Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: If I might, sir.

MR. BOWEN EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Tell me Mr. Wilson, have you talked to Mr. Hooke lately?

A I have spoken to Mr. Hooke about three weeks ago but it was a matter not relating to this whatsoever but a matter on the telephone, it was a matter when he was transferred or, rather,

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E.E. Wilson - Bowen Ex.

A (cont.) when his portfolio was changed to that of Minister of Welfare.

Q Have you ever talked to Mr. Hooke concerning the file that you have your hand on now?

A Never.

Q Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD: I have no questions.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Gill?

MR. GILL: No questions.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Maynard?

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E. E. Wilson - Maynard Ex.

MR. MAYNARD EXAMINES WITNESS:

Q Do I understand that there are two files, one relating to maintenance and the other relating to these transactions?

A No sir; I would like to point out, Mr. Commissioner, that this file was commenced at the time when the Department of Highways and the Department of Public Works was all one department. They had a different accounting system than what the Department of Public Works has now, and the file was transferred to our department. In trying to fill up the gaps I was asked yesterday to find any other correspondence there might be. I have been in touch with the Department of Highways, but the Honourable Mr. Taylor was out of the City, and Mr. McManus, the Deputy-Minister, was out of the City; I endeavoured to contact their accountant and he was on holiday, but I got Mr. McEwan this morning, and I asked him if they had any other file on this matter. They stated they may still have some records on their accounts file, but they have no other files -- all the correspondence was sent over to our department.

Now, in the change-over of a major department from the -- the Department of Highways being split up from the Department of Public Works, we know that there was a lot of correspondence went astray. This could possibly explain for some gaps there are on this file. The other thing is that apparently, from what I am told today, the Department of Highways at that time had a works file and an accounts file, and this is what I am endeavouring to trace,

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E. E. Wilson - Maynard Ex.

A (Cont.) is the accounts file, but I am told that they would probably all be destroyed after seven years. In respect to this I have been on to the Treasury Branch and asked if there was any account written off. They went through the Treasury Minutes and they assured me in the years 1947 and 1948 that there was nothing written off as a Treasury Minute, and this is as accurate as I can go on this document.

Q Mr. Commissioner, reference has been made by my friend Mr. Wright to various documents, both today and yesterday. I want to ask that all the documents that have been specifically referred to -- and they can be taken from the evidence -- from the transcript --- be photostatted and made an exhibit, so that all counsel can refer to the same documents.

THE COMMISSIONER: Can we have that done, Mr. Clement?

MR. CLEMENT: Yes. I was wondering, Mr. Wilson, have you clearly in mind the documents Mr. Wright has referred to? We will have to deal with it from the transcript, then.

A I would think so.

THE COMMISSIONER: A copy of the transcript is to be made available to Mr. Wilson tomorrow, and then from the transcript he can go through his files and remove the particular documents that are specifically referred to on his examination, and then we can have them Xeroxed.

MR. CLEMENT: Have you got reproducing equipment?

A Yes, we have it.

THE COMMISSIONER: A copy of the record will be made

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E. E. Wilson - Maynard Ex.
J. H. Campbell - Clement Ex.
- Gill Ex.

THE COMMISSIONER: (Cont.) available to you tomorrow -- likely
tomorrow morning, Mr. Wilson.

A Thank you, and I can have this back within half an hour.

MR. CLEMENT: When those are produced, sir, they
will be made Exhibit 228?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Wilson.

EXHIBIT 228 IS RESERVED FOR MR.
WILSON'S DOCUMENTS AS REFERRED TO
ABOVE.

(Witness retires.)

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Campbell?

JOHN HOOK CAMPBELL, recalled, on his former oath, examined by Mr.

Clement:

Q Mr. Campbell, you are still under oath.

A Yes, I understand.

Q Did you bring along the Minute Book?

A Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: You may sit down, Mr. Campbell.

A Thank you.

MR. GILL EXAMINES WITNESS:

Q You told us yesterday, Mr. Campbell, that you were a land
development promoter. When did you begin this? I don't think
you need your little brown bag for that, Mr. Campbell.

A Very difficult to answer, Mr. Gill. There are so many forms
of development that -- actually I would say that in '46 -- .

Q With what project was that?

A That was with a trip to the Old Country and securing agencies
for distributing of various goods.

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

Q Such as -- ?

A Such as Standard cars, Vanguard cars -- and woolen goods, various items.

Q What has that to do with land development?

A That has to do with the same connection, I would say, of promotion and development.

Q Did you ever subdivide any lands before Campbelltown?

A I don't believe so.

Q Before you had been in this promotion that you told us of, you had a garage, had you?

A I was part owner of a garage.

Q Where was that?

A On 101st Street in Edmonton.

Q Do you remember the time or the date?

A '48 or '49 --- '48, '49 and I think possibly part of '47 -- I'm not too sure.

Q Is it true that at one time you were a janitor?

A Definitely.

Q When was that?

A In the depression days of the thirties.

Q Here in Edmonton?

A Definitely.

Q And can you tell us from the exhibits that have been filed this morning by Mr. Clement, Exhibit 224, a Certificate of change of name, Ideal Homes Ltd. changed its name to Ideal Homes & Building Supplies Ltd. on the 14th of November, 1951.

Why did that happen?

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A What was the date, sir?

Q November 14th, 1951.

A I believe that we were supplying materials to other places, and therefore necessitated a change of -- to "Supplies".

Q Was that when you began supplying lumber to Canadian Celanese?

A I'm not fully aware of the dates; I could not say.

Q At least you became interested in the building supply business; is that correct?

A The supplying of lumber, yes.

Q And at least by or before November 14th, 1951?

A I wouldn't want to confirm the dates, sir.

Q The Certificate, change of name, you don't quarrel with?

A No, I do not.

Q Now, have you refreshed your memory about when you became a shareholder in this company, Ideal Homes Ltd.?

A July 31st, 1951.

Q And I think you told us yesterday that you had paid \$3,000.00 for your shares; is that correct?

A The shares were valued at \$3,000.00 and I had assigned property to that extent for security.

Q You didn't mention that yesterday.

A No, I did not.

Q Had you remembered it?

A No, I had not.

MR. FRIEDMAN: Mr. Commissioner, he wasn't asked the question yesterday.

MR. GILL:

That's quite true. I asked him if he

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

MR. GILL: (Cont.) remembered it, and he said he didn't. Where was Lot 10, Block 15, Plan 1389HW, King Edward Park?

A In the King Edward Park area -- about 79th, I believe.

Q Was it a house you owned?

A Yes.

Q You and Elizabeth Campbell?

A Yes.

Q And what did that -- .

A I'm not too sure whether the ownership was in the name of joint ownership or not.

Q But it was sold?

A Yes.

Q And was \$3,000.00 of the sale price ever turned over to Ideal Homes?

A I think there was other arrangements made -- I think the company was going broke by that time and it was not turned over, to my recollection.

Q So you bought into a company that was going broke?

A I didn't know that at the time.

Q And you transferred a house to the company?

A Yes, I think the house was transferred at a much later date back.

Q By "back" do you mean after July 31st, 1951, or before that date?

A After that.

Q I see. When?

A I do not know.

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

Q There is a Minute here of the 28th of September, 1951. You had just acquired your shares by a matter of two months or so, and then it was resolved that one thousand additional ordinary shares be allotted to Alfred J. Hooke, and one thousand additional ordinary shares be allotted to Harry L. Spady, in consideration of additional services performed for the company. You were then a shareholder, you were manager, you were director -- what were the additional services performed for the company by Alfred J. Hooke and Harry Spady?

A I do not know.

Q Do your records show at all?

A Not my records, nor the recollection of memory. I can't tell you, sir.

Q Do the records of the company show?

A Not that I know of.

Q And then you got an additional thousand shares from Mr. Hooke in about 1954, was it?

A I don't know.

Q By the annual report of December 1954, entered as an exhibit in these proceedings -- all of the annual reports being Exhibit 225, Mr. Commissioner -- shows that only Chris Hooke, John Hooke Campbell -- spelled with an "e", and Harry Louis Spady, held four thousand shares each in the company. You disagree with the return filed by Mr. Spady?

MR. MAYNARD:

Mr. Chairman, I think it was

also -- Mr. Commissioner, it was also pointed out by my friend Mr. Clement that there was a notation that the transfer had

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

MR. MAYNARD: (Cont.) been made on May 2nd, 1953.

Q MR. GILL: I wonder if the witness could answer the question and we will go on from there.

A Would you mind repeating it, Mr. Gill, please?

Q You, Chris Hooke, Harry Lewis Spady, each held four thousand shares in Ideal Homes, as shown by this -- ?

A No, I don't disagree with that.

Q In 1953, the same number of shares were shown in each of the names of Chris Hooke, John Hook Campbell, and Harry Lewis Spady, namely four thousand each.

A Well, if the records show that, it must be.

Q May 2nd, 1953, A. J. Hooke transferred a thousand shares to each of you, his brother and his brother-in-law Spady.

A If the records show it -- .

Q What was the reason for Mr. Hooke transferring these shares to you?

A I don't know, sir.

Q What did you pay him?

A My recollection I don't think I paid him anything. To my recollection I don't think I paid anything to anybody.

Q What did Mr. Spady pay?

A I have no idea.

Q Was this a common practice in your company, to exchange shares for nothing?

A I wouldn't say, I don't know.

Q Or do you know?

A I don't know.

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

MR. MAYNARD:

Mr. Commissioner, the witness has

brought with him the Minutes of Ideal Homes, and he was asked to do so yesterday. He has these Minutes with him now. Counsel, my good friend Mr. Gill, has told him to answer from memory and not refer to his notes. Possibly if the witness were allowed to refer to the Minutes of Ideal Homes he might be able to answer some of these questions.

THE COMMISSIONER:

Well, we are dealing with matters

that occurred seventeen or eighteen years ago, and certainly I think if there is any documentation that any witness wants to refer to, that was in existence at that time or --- it's certainly quite proper for him to refresh his memory if he wishes to do so.

Q MR. GILL: Do your Minutes, Mr. Campbell, tell you why Mr. Hooke transferred a thousand shares to each of you, his brother-in-law and his brother in May of 1953?

A I do believe that Mr. Hooke desired to no longer be a shareholder of the company.

Q Why?

A Personally I can't tell you why, I don't know.

Q Now, you've got a document there -- what is that?

A The Minutes.

Q Mr. Campbell?

A The Minutes of the company.

Q For what period?

A It begins with the 10th day of July, 1950, and ends with the 15th day of December, 1966.

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Q I see, and is there anything in there you need to look at at the moment, to refresh your memory?

A I don't --.

Q You don't what?

A I am muttering to myself, sir. No.

Q Thank you. I wonder if you can tell us why on May 2nd, 1953, from Exhibit 227 -- and that is the date that my friend Mr. Maynard pointed out was the date that Alfred John Hooke transferred his three thousand shares to you, his brother and his brother-in-law -- there was this resolution of the company --- in quotes -- a director shall not be required to hold any shares in the company to qualify him to act as a director, but it shall be his duty to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act.

That was the resolution that was passed by the company? You will look at your Minute Book, Mr. Campbell?

A Yes, I am. That was on which date?

Q May 2nd, 1953. Can you find your Minute Book copy of that special resolution?

A I haven't found it yet, sir.

Q Well, we have already got it in evidence, unless the Commissioner or Mr. Clement wish to dwell on it, I will go on. So, although Mr. Hooke, you told the Commissioner, wanted to get out of the company and he transferred his three thousand shares, he remained a director of Ideal Homes, did he not?

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A Yes, I believe he did.

Q For some two years?

A Yes, I believe he did.

Q Because the annual report of December of 1953 shows him still as director; correct?

A Yes.

Q And the annual report of December 31st, 1954, shows A. J. Hooke still as a director?

A If it's on those reports.

Q It's on, Mr. Campbell: Alfred John Hooke, R. R. 2, South Edmonton -- and in fact he didn't resign as a director until sometime in 1955, or late '54, because the notice changing him as ceasing to be a director, was registered July the -- June 19th, 1958, registered July 10th, 1958, but back-dated for some reason, to January 1st, 1955. Is that what the notice says?

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MR. CLEMENT: Well, in fairness, sir, it is common experience that a change of Directors sometimes is not notified promptly to the Companies Branch, which ultimately picks up the omission through the filing of an annual report, and draws it to the attention of the solicitor; I don't think my friend should make too much of that.

MR. GILL: With respect, Mr. Commissioner, three years from January 1st '58 to June 19th, 1958, I am sure is not common in Mr. Clement's office.

MR. CLEMENT: It is certainly not common but I wouldn't say it has not happened.

Q MR. GILL: Do you know why the delay, Mr. Campbell?

A I do not.

Q I see. Is there anything else you require in that Minute book of Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited?

A Not unless there is questions asked me that I have to refer to it.

Q I wonder if you could leave that with us to go through with myself or other counsel to look at it and perhaps there may be some more questions.

A Definitely.

Q Fine. Might you close it up then? When did you first meet Mr. Coombs?

A I couldn't tell you the date, sir, but my memory, according to my memory I believe the first time I met Mr. Coombs was when he delivered lumber to Ideal Homes and Building Supplies.

Q Do you know when that was?

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A In '51, but I can't tell you anything different.

Q Do your records assist you?

A Yes, I believe they do. This is, my records tell me when the, when he delivered lumber but as to when I met him, they don't tell me that.

Q You would have to meet him before he delivered lumber, I presume?

A No.

Q And if Mr. Coombs twice in this Inquiry has said that he met you with A. J. Hooke and his brother-in-law Spady at his planing lot at Rocky Rapids, Mr. Coombs is wrong?

A I have never been in Rocky Rapids in my life, I have never been on a trip with Mr. Spady and Mr. Hooke to Rocky Rapids.

Q You have been on trips with them elsewhere?

A No, not as I recollect of, sir.

Q I see. What price were you paying Coombs for the lumber?

A It would be in here.

Q You are examining some records of Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited?

A Yes, I am, regarding the lumber.

Q Yes. Are you having some difficulty finding this, Mr. Campbell?

A I am not too familiar with these records, sir.

Q You didn't keep them?

A No, I did not.

Q We have spent some minutes, Mr. Campbell, I wonder, can you assist us a little more perhaps?

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A I am trying to sir, but I have nothing to confirm it right here.

Q Well, what is that that you are looking at in your right hand?

A Record sheets.

Q What type of record sheets, synoptics?

A Apparently it is \$70.00 a thousand there.

Q Where?

A On these records here.

Q I see, and what does the first date appear to be on those records?

A July, July 6th, and there is some previous to that.

Q I cannot hear you, I am sorry, July 6th and what?

A I believe July 6th was the first lumber that he delivered to us that went to Brown and Root.

Q In what year?

A 1951.

Q Thank you.

A And I think there was some other lumber delivered to the yard in June.

Q Where was the yard?

A 132 and 127th Avenue.

Q That is somewhere in Calder?

A Yes.

Q And what price was Canadian Celanese or Brown and Root paying Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited?

A I can't find anything to substantiate it but I am very much

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A (Cont.) under the impression it was \$79.00 a thousand.

Q And how many thousands of feet of lumber did Ideal Homes buy from Coombs and sell to Brown and Root or Canadian Celanese? You are shaking your head, sir.

A I couldn't tell you, sir.

Q Is Mr. Coombs right when he suggests 250 thousand feet?

A I would say very close.

Q And is he correct when he says you ordered the lumber?

A Not all of it.

Q You were the manager of the company at this time?

A Yes, but I didn't order all of it.

Q You ordered some of it?

A Yes, I would say most of it.

Q Thank you. The documents that you have there, Mr. Campbell, I wonder if they can be made available to counsel to examine, these records that you have produced?

A I don't see why not.

Q Thank you. I don't propose, Mr. Commissioner, at this moment to put them in until counsel have looked at them.

THE COMMISSIONER: No, you can table them and they will be available for examination by counsel.

Q MR. GILL: Thank you, sir. And did you accuse Coombs of selling a short load of lumber? Well, I don't know that it is funny, Mr. Campbell, I am just asking.

A I wasn't laughing at the question, sir.

Q I am very pleased.

A I was not laughing at all. It is sixteen, seventeen years

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A (Cont.) ago, and to remember whether I accused a man of selling lumber short, I know there was one load of lumber we were not satisfied with. Now, as to the details as to why, I don't know whether it was because it was for selling short or because it was an inferior load, this I wouldn't want to say, but I do think it was an inferior grade or quality of lumber.

Q Well, you were buying what, mill run from the planing lot?

A We were buying lumber from various parties and our agreement or understanding with Brown and Root was that we would take back all culls. This lumber had to be up to a standard specification. Therefore, any lumber that was not suitable for Brown and Root we did, we tried to avoid shipping any of those loads.

Q I see, and you dealt with other lumber suppliers other than Coombs?

A Oh, I believe so.

Q Do you know their names?

A Their names are all listed in here.

Q Thank you. You are pointing to these records?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you have a deal with Mr. Coombs that if he had to put something through the re-saw the price would go up \$3.00 a thousand?

A Not to my recollection, no.

Q Do you know he made a claim upon you for some two or three hundred dollars of re-sawn lumber based on \$3.00 a thousand?

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A No, I don't recollect it and no person should deliver lumber that you have to re-saw.

Q Did you refuse to pay Coombs that amount of money?

A I wouldn't want to say.

Q Did Ideal Homes ever pay him, this additional amount of money that he claimed?

A Additional amount of money for what?

Q For re-sawing lumber?

A Well, we wouldn't pay him, not that I had anything to do with because a load of lumber should never have to be re-sawn, it is not in salable condition or usable condition when delivered if it had to be re-sawn.

Q You were in this Inquiry on September 12th, 1967, you were here the first day?

A No, I wasn't here the first day.

Q I see, were you not subpoenaed for that day?

A Well, I wasn't here the first day.

Q I see, you didn't hear Mr. Coombs' evidence?

A No, I did not.

Q But you have read it in a transcript?

A Yes.

Q I see. Who gave you that transcript?

A Well, I read it out of Mr. Maynard's.

Q Who?

A From Mr. Maynard.

Q Thank you. Mr. Coombs says he was double-crossed by Ideal Homes, is he correct in that allegation?

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J. H. Campbell - Gill Ex.

A I would say no.

Q Did you ever offer Mr. Coombs \$50,000.00 to purchase lumber if he needed it?

A Definitely not.

Q I see. Where were the offices of Ideal Homes at this time, always in Calder?

A Yes.

Q At that address you gave us?

A I believe so.

Q What was that address again?

A 132nd Street and 127th Avenue, I don't know the number.

Q I see. Well, your Minutes of shareholders shows an address of 12830 126th Avenue; where was that?

A That was before we moved, I don't know what year we moved in but I don't remember that address, maybe it is, I don't know.

Q In your Minutes of a meeting of shareholders of the 28th of September, 1951, Exhibit 227, it gives that address?

A That would be the property we had rented from the City.

Q It gives that same address in a Minute of July 31st, 1951, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And your registered office in 1951 was the same address, 12830 126th Avenue?

A I am trying to recollect, Mr. Gill, the exact street address, I could drive right to it, I imagine that is it all right.

Q Then you moved, you say?

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A Yes.

Q Where did you move to?

A 13234 127th Street, I think that was that number.

Q When did you make that move, do you remember?

A I don't know.

Q Did Ideal Homes Limited own that 127th Street property?

A Yes, we had bought it.

Q I see, but you were only renting when you were on 126th Avenue?

A Yes.

Q From the City, you say?

A Yes.

Q I next come to a letter dated November 9th, 1951, Exhibit 159 in these proceedings, bearing an address 8718 79th Avenue; whose address was that?

A That was one of my former addresses.

Q Well, did you live there on November 9th?

A Yes, I lived there.

Q In 1951?

A Yes.

Q And that is your signature on this application to the M.D. of Strathcona for the townsite?

A Yes, I believe it is.

Q And this date of November 9th, 1951, that would be correct, of the document?

A I think it is.

Q And with it went plans and specifications?

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A I don't believe there was, I think that says in that letter, does it not, that the proposal, if they were interested in the proposal that there would be plans and specifications drawn up, does it not? This is my recollection.

Q Exhibit 158, please, Mr. Short? You see in Item 5: "Topographical factors; as shown by the approximate contours on the schematic plan herewith . . ."

A Yes.

Q So you did submit a plan?

A Possibly I did, sir, I am not denying it, I said to my recollection.

Q I see, and who drew that -

A May I see that?

Q Certainly. Who drew the schematic plan?

A I believe Mr. Holloway did.

Q And how long had it taken to prepare that rather complete application and the schematic plan referred to?

A Oh, two or three months, sir, at least.

Q Ahead of -

A Possibly longer.

Q Two or three months or possibly longer?

A Yes.

Q Ahead of November 9th, 1951?

A Yes.

Q And who did that, Mr. Holloway and yourself?

A It is very very hard to remember back. I had topographical surveys made, that would be after I think, I am only rambling,

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A (Cont.) sir.

Q I wish you wouldn't.

A I believe that is when it was, who it was, Mr. Holloway and myself. I think that was all at that time, Mr. Holloway and myself.

Q But to get that document that you are holding, Exhibit 159, ready, and the plans, it must have been plural, Mr. Campbell, because when Mr. Roberts of the M.D. of Strathcona sent the application to Mr. Prest, Exhibit 158, November 23rd '51, reads, Mr. Prest being the Secretary of the Edmonton District Planning Commission:

"Enclosed please find a copy of a letter together with blueprints received from Mr. John H. Campbell, 8718 79th Avenue, with reference to a proposed townsite on Section 27. The enclosed correspondence and plans are being submitted to you at the request of Mr. Campbell."

That would be a correct statement of fact, would it not?

A Right, I believe so.

Q And so considerable work had gone into it before November 9th 1951?

A Yes sir.

Q Blueprints?

A Yes.

Q Schematic plan?

A What is a schematic plan?

Q It is your letter, Mr. Campbell, Item 5.

A An outline plan, a general outline plan with topographical

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A (Cont.) factors, all the topographical factors.

Q I see, so can you tell the Commissioner where that document was prepared?

A I believe Mr. Holloway and I conferred quite often and he prepared it at his house.

Q I see, did you use the services of another surveyor or rod man or anybody like that?

A It was only a general outline plan and nothing like that was necessary at that time.

Q Did you discuss it with Mr. Hooke?

A No.

Q That application?

A No. Not this application, I certainly did not.

Q But you had gone over the land before November 9th, 1951?

A Yes.

Q And Mr. Hooke would have to know about that, wouldn't he?

A Not necessarily.

Q Would you just walk over people's land?

A If I don't think I am trespassing to any extent in damaging or anything at all in that respect, yes.

Q Now, looking at that you will see that your letter is dated November 9th, 1951, and you say that you started out two or three months before that?

A All of that, yes.

Q All of that, perhaps a little more?

A Perhaps.

Q I see, that would take you back to October 9th is one month,

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Q (Cont.) September 9th is two months, August 9th 1951 is three months, isn't it?

A Yes.

Q You know that Mr. Hooke never put a Caveat on that property until September 29th, 1951?

A I do not know that.

Q I see, and that the agreement for sale with Weber Brothers was only signed on October 22nd, 1951?

A I do not know that.

Q I see. Do you know when Mr. Hooke acquired the land?

A I do not, sir.

Q When were you starting to deal with Mr. Hooke about it?

A The date of the first option is when I actually started to deal with him.

Q And that was in April of 1953, was it not?

A I had conversed with him and with the other land holders there, but I can't testify as to dates.

Q Just casual conversations?

A No, I had told him we were thinking of a townsite and that, he was very adverse to it.

Q Well, you had started planning this in August or so of 1951?

A Oh, I had thought of it quite some time before that, I had formed a general rough outline of the necessity of these plants and that quite some time before that, I had thought of it.

Q Why did you hit on Section 27?

A Because I had looked at land from Fort Saskatchewan to

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A (Cont.) Edmonton and from Edmonton to, down to Devon, and found nothing that had the utility layout and factors suitable for a townsite that could compare with this.

Q Isn't the usual pattern for the promoter to get the options to the land secured before he discloses what he is going to do?

A It may be to other people but this was a new venture for me and I did what I thought was in my mind the best policy, the best thing to do, and that is the way I did it.

Q And you were just doing it for yourself?

A Definitely, for myself.

Q Why would you use the words in Exhibit 159 "on behalf of myself and my associates"?

A The word may be improperly used but the meaning of it implies, that I wished to imply, is that I had other people assisting and helping me such as Mr. Holloway or any other people that would later on assist me or later be part of it.

Q Let us deal firstly with Mr. Holloway as you raised him; was he an associate of yours?

A I think the word may be improperly used, but he was an acquaintance of mine and an assistant.

Q I see, but he didn't have any share -

A No.

Q - in the land?

A No.

Q He wouldn't participate in the profits if there were any?

A No.

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Q But the words that were used and that you signed are "on behalf of myself and my associates"?

A On behalf of myself.

Q I see, you didn't have any associates you say at that time?

A Well, I may have improperly used the word, as I stated.

Q I put it to you, Mr. Campbell, that Alfred John Hooke was an associate of yours in this project?

A Definitely not.

Q Undisclosed?

A Definitely not.

Q And had known about it since August of 1951?

A He may have known it through his Department and that, but he was definitely not associated with it in any way.

Q And that you assisted him to buy the South West Quarter of Section 27 by recommending it as a place to develop a townsite?

A By no manner of means.

Q I see. Why would you use the words in Exhibit 159 "the undersigned", by that you mean yourself, I take it?

A Yes.

Q "Together with other local businessmen comprise the sponsors of the project . . ."; what would you use those words for?

A The implication of what I wished to imply and that is that I would be seeking from local, the assistance of other businessmen or people that wished to place money or secure an interest in this project.

Q You didn't put that in the future tense at all in your

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Q (cont.) letter?

A I guess I made a lot of mistakes in the English language.

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Q But Mr. Holloway has said that he was the draftsman of this letter?

A Well, I can't account for Mr. Holloway making any errors either, sir.

Q Because he would be dependent on what you told him?

A Most likely.

Q Or what perhaps someone else told him?

A I wouldn't say that.

Q What is this LaBuscadera Exploration Company of Pasadena mentioned for?

A That is one of Mr. Angellilo's companies I understand.

Q Well, did you meet with Mr. Angellilo?

A I had talked with Mr. Angellilo.

Q Before November 9th, 1951?

A I believe so.

Q How far before?

A Oh, a matter of a few months I imagine, I am not too positive.

Q Two or three months?

A Maybe even longer Mr. Gill, I am not too positive of recollection of time.

Q You state in paragraph 7 of your utilities and service "The Calgary Power Company has agreed to undertake the installation and operation of water, power and sewer." did you deal with Calgary Power Company Limited?

A I had met them and discussed it, yes.

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Q Did you state to them it was just John H. Campbell dealing?

A I think they thoroughly understood that.

Q Not a group?

A Not a group.

Q Not with people sponsoring you?

A Oh, they wouldn't be interested in that, they were interested in supplying the utilities to the townsite if it materialized.

Q Wouldn't they want to know that the idea of this townsite was not a daydream, that there was some money behind it and some people of stature connected with it?

A I couldn't tell you if they would want to know that or not.

Q You did the dealing?

A Well, they didn't ask me.

Q And had you had some discussions with Canadian Celanese about this townsite?

A Yes.

Q What discussions had you had?

A I had discussed it as a matter of fact, a site that I used where the present townsite is, was suggested by John Gordon Mitchell of Canadian Celanese who was the project engineer.

Q Was it he that told you that the company would be willing to give its employees financial assistance in purchasing homes in the proposed townsite?

A I don't recollect that.

Q You stated that in your letter, Exhibit 159?

A Well if I stated it, I most likely had conferred with them on it.

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Q Had you conferred with the M.D. of Strathcona before you wrote the letter of November 9th, 1951?

A I don't believe I did.

Q Do you know how many hours Mr. Holloway had spent on the project up to November 9th, 1951?

A I haven't the faintest.

Q And you didn't pay him anything?

A No I did not.

Q How did you meet Mr. Holloway?

A Through his Department.

Q Which Department was that?

A I think -- I don't know what department he was in but he was referred to me I do believe by Mr. Ralph Moore who was Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs.

Q And you went to Mr. Holloway's office, did you?

A I don't know whether he came to Mr. Moore's office or whether I went to his office, this I can't remember.

Q And when do you think that was?

A In '51 some time but when I couldn't tell you.

Q And when did you first approach Mr. Holloway to do some work for you privately on this project?

A I don't know that I approached him to do it privately. I knew very little about townsite, I had a general idea that this thing was a necessity, that people would need it and from thereon I was striving to put it together and Mr. Holloway had already drawn a townsite plan for the town of Devon, I believe, and I asked him if he would assist me on

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A (cont.) it and he said he would be very pleased to do so.

Q And it was coincidence was it that he was Chairman of the Edmonton District Planning Commission at this time?

A This I did not even know at that time that he was, sir. I hadn't come in contact with the Commissions at that time.

Q But you had come in contact with them by December 5th of 1951?

A On a submission do you mean?

Q Well, it was your letter of November 9th, 1951, Exhibit 159, was transmitted by the M.D. of Strathcona to the Edmonton District Planning Commission, was it not?

A Possibly so but I didn't come in contact with them I don't think at that same time.

Q And after your first application to the M.D. of Strathcona was broached to the Edmonton District Planning Commission, did they not, through Mr. Holloway, interview you and discuss the question of alternative locations for proposed development? I am reading sir from the Minutes of the Edmonton District Planning Commission, Exhibit 160?

A They undoubtedly had me up there for questioning regarding the townsite and possibly other sites but, I am very sorry that I can't recollect.

Q Did you meet with a Mr. Plotkin ever around that time?

A I don't know whether it was around that time or not but, I met Mr. Plotkin all right.

Q And did you have any discussions with him?

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A At the meeting of the Board I imagine I did, I don't know.

Q You were at some of these Board meetings, were you?

A Yes, they called me to quite a few of them.

Q This would be the Edmonton District Planning Commission?

A Yes.

Q I am showing you a sketch attached to Mr. Plotkin's report, Exhibit 161, have you seen that sketch before?

A I may have, I seen so many of them at that time and so many of them changed. It is a topographical sketch of the area all right involved and I most likely did see it but I don't remember it.

Q I see. What name was the area being given by that time?

A Well I suppose it was on account of my name, that it was spelled half a dozen different ways but called Campbelltown at that time.

Q And for some time was commonly referred to as Campbelton?

A Usually referred to as Campbelton and then Campbelltown.

Q Did you see a copy of Mr. Plotkin's report, Exhibit 161 of December 5th, 1951?

A At one time I did, I don't remember what was in it now, sir.

Q It was sent to you for a reply was it not?

A I couldn't tell you if it was sent for a reply or what.

Q Well, what happened next by your recollection or anything you can use to assist your recollection?

A Well, as the record previously stated, it was brought up by the M.D. of Strathcona to the Edmonton District Planning

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A (cont.) Commission three or four different times before it finally gained approval.

Q The Minutes of the Edmonton District Planning Commission, January 15th, 1952, Exhibit 163, is a meeting of Mr. Holloway and Mr. Dant and Mr. Moyer discussing the housing project with Mr. J.H. Campbell and other associates are sponsoring the project and you say these words 'other associates' should not be in the Minutes?

A I didn't say that, I said most likely it was my understanding that I would have to have.

Q But you didn't have any other associates, you say, on January 15th, 1952?

A Associates, how would you define that?

Q Who was behind you on this project?

A Nobody.

Q Who was with you?

A Nobody.

Q Who was associated with you in it?

A Nobody.

Q So the words 'Mr. J.H. Campbell and other associates are sponsoring the project'; that is incorrect?

A It was probably used, I suppose.

Q And the word 'sponsors', plural, 'of the project proposed to apply for incorporation of a development company'?

A I suppose that would refer to Mr. Angellilo and his company.

Q Was he a sponsor of yours?

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A Nobody was endeavouring to arrange finance for it.

Q And the words in the Minutes 'the sponsors realize that the project would be in the main a dormitory town' that is the wrong use of the word, you say?

A Would you read it again?

Q Reading the bottom of the page Mr. Commissioner, Exhibit 163 'the sponsors realize that this project would be in the main a dormitory town'?

A I think Mr. Angellilo understood it would be in the nature of a dormitory town.

Q And on page two of these Minutes, 'it is understood that options to purchase three quarters of Section 27 have been obtained by the sponsors.' is that the impression you gave the Edmonton District Planning Commission in January of 1952?

A Possibly the word should have been singular instead of plural, the sponsor.

Q Well, had you got options to purchase three quarters of land in 1952?

A I couldn't tell you. I haven't got the options and I don't remember, I certainly don't remember that far.

Q Well the first options appear to have been produced in this Inquiry are dated March and April, 1953 Mr. Campbell, why the year delay?

A I don't understand you thoroughly, sir.

Q Well, apparently you gave the Edmonton District Planning

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Q (cont.) Commission in late 1951 and early 1952 the very firm impression that you had options to purchase three quarters of the lands of Section 27, that is what you let the Edmonton District Planning Commission think is it not, Mr. Campbell?

A I am trying to find my words, sir. I had contacted these people, whether I had obtained an option from them or a verbal agreement from them that an option could be secured if I wanted it.

Q But you had nothing in writing until the spring of 1953?

A I wouldn't swear whether I did or not, sir.

Q Well, do you disagree with the documents that have been produced to date in this inquiry?

A I don't disagree with any of the documents but I don't know whether there were any documents previous to that.

Q If they exist, you haven't got them?

A This is true.

Q And do you recall preparing or having prepared for you a seventeen page answer to Mr. Plotkin's report of December 5, 1951, this answer being dated December 27th, 1951 from 8718 79th Avenue Edmonton, addressed to Mr. Holloway and signed yours truly John H. Campbell, consisting of seventeen pages. Did you prepare that document or have it prepared? It is Exhibit 163 -- pardon me, it is 164, I am very sorry.

A Yes, I prepared this with the assistance of quite a few people.

Q Did you prepare it Mr. Campbell or did you have it done?

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A Well, I may have had it typed by somebody else and put in chronological order but I dug up most of this information with the assistance of a lot of engineers and the R.C.A.F. people and everything else.

Q The R.C.A.F.?

A Yes.

Q And what were they doing replying to --

A They were giving me information as to the wind velocity from all different directions.

Q Who actually typed up this seventeen page proposal?

A I don't know. It is too long ago for me to remember. I had various people helping me in typing and that.

Q Is this your language? I am reading from page two Mr. Commissioner.

"Having in mind the limitations of the metropolitan area with Edmonton added to it and the town of Fort Saskatchewan and the inconvenient location of these two centres at each end of the axis of a strung out industrial belt."

Are these your words?

A I can use that language Mr. Gill.

Q I am very pleased to hear it but a little surprised. Who else helped you in names, now, let's not deal in generalities Mr. Campbell. Did Mr. Holloway draft this document Exhibit 164?

A I wouldn't want to swear whether he did or not Mr. Gill.

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Q Well, someone is the architect of it because it is very carefully prepared, isn't it?

A Definitely.

Q And it is the answer to the report of a planning engineer, Mr. Plotkin?

A I had consulted Mr. Lawrence of Lawrence Associates quite frequently while doing this. I had also consulted the engineers of the Celanese plant and a lot of other people, I can't remember them all but, as I stated, I got the wind velocities from the R.C.A.F. and Mr. Holloway helped me put it together, yes.

Q Would you tell me in that seventeen page reply where there is mention of wind velocities, as such?

A I don't believe it states it as such but it does state what wind and odors.

Q I see, all right, and as a result, you were turned down were you not Mr. Campbell?

A I don't know.

Q Did you get a copy of a letter dated January 17th, 1952 which is Exhibit 165 in these proceedings, signed by Mr. Holloway and addressed to you?

A Yes, I received that letter.

Q May I have it back please?

A Yes sir.

Q Thank you. And, is it fair to say that this turned down your application? Mr. Holloway wrote "He regretted to

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Q (cont.) advise that the Commission could not see its way clear to approve of this project in the location proposed."?

A Yes.

Q And they went on, the concluding paragraph "It was suggested that in the meantime you might consider the possibility of development a residential/soon to be planned in the east Edmonton area and at Fort Saskatchewan" and I was "instructed to offer you the Commission's cooperation if you should be interested in undertaking any development projects in these locations." that is what happened in January of 1952, correct?

A It says that.

Q You had been turned down? You are nodding?

A Yes, I was turned down, I imagine the courts would confirm it.

Q But you wouldn't give up then, would you?

A No sir.

Q And you never did?

A True.

Q So the next thing that happens is about when, is it?

A You would have to refer to the records that are already available, I do not remember the dates.

Q I might be able to help you. Would you like to look at Exhibit 187A dated July 3rd, 1952, commonly called the Holloway Report Mr. Commissioner?

A Yes.

Q Might I have it back please?

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A Yes.

Q Thank you. Was this the next step Mr. Holloway prepared this two page report in July of 1952?

A I believe it was Mr. Gill.

Q And in company with Mr. John Campbell, I am reading from the Exhibit 187A, "-- Messrs. Plotkin and Makale of the Edmonton District Planning Commission staff, visited Section 27 in order to examine the possible location of Mr. Campbell's proposed townsite." Why would Mr. Holloway keep on with this after you had been told by the Edmonton District Planning Commission to look elsewhere?

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A Because I have looked elsewhere previous to this, and this location which -- I guess I had convinced Mr. Holloway that it was quite feasible.

Q You were friends with Mr. Holloway by this time?

A Well acquainted, but I wouldn't say "friends" --- I did not fraternize, no.

Q You didn't fraternize with him?

A No.

Q You didn't visit in each other's homes?

A I have been in Mr. Holloway's home, but I have never visited with him purely on a visit, I have always had a reason for calling. May I refer back to your question regarding the winds, sir?

Q Yes.

A Would you mind reading this one here on page 5, the prevailing winds?

Q Does it speak about wind velocity, Mr. Campbell?

A It gives the reasons of my explanation here as to why we wouldn't have any odor at all from the plant.

Q You felt that was an important part of your reply?

A Oh, very much.

Q And it consists of one small paragraph in a seventeen-page---?

A Well, you are questioning me, sir; I was only trying to inform you that I had secured information.

Q No, but I wonder about this paragraph on prevailing winds -- it still doesn't mention velocity.

A It mentions high winds, and dissipating the odor from the

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A (Cont.) plants.

Q I am told that when the wind is strong and turbulent it dissipates rapidly -- you are speaking about plant odor?

A Yes.

Q And that's all you mention in this report?

A Yes.

Q You say you weren't fraternizing with Mr. Holloway about this time?

A Never did, sir.

Q Mr. Holloway states that one of the reasons he made the application for you was that he had got to know Mr. Campbell quite well and was quite friendly with him. Was he wrong?

A No, I think you can be friends with a person without fraternizing.

Q I see; and can you fraternize without being friendly?

A I wouldn't want to say, sir. I imagine you could -- I don't know.

MR. CLEMENT:

Something that arose out of the war,
I think.

MR. GILL:

Then you still persisted in trying
to get Campbelltown past the Edmonton District Planning
Commission?

A Yes, I did.

Q I imagine you regarded them as a stumbling block?

A I think it was two lines of thinking, Mr. Gill. I had no quarrel with them -- if you might put it that way -- putting

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A (Cont.) it my way --- but I thought one thing and they thought another and I had to convince them of what I believed.

Q You had one firm supporter and friend in the person of Mr. Holloway?

A Well, yes, plus that I had a supporter in the M.D. of Strathcona.

Q So you persisted until, say, August 5th, of 1953, at which time a notice of motion was brought forth.

A Were not these proposals forwarded by the M.D., and not by me?

Q Well, you would be assisting in the background, would you not?

A If called upon, yes.

Q Well, you were very anxious to get this through.

A Quite.

Q And you never looked at any other property at all other than Section 27?

A Oh, I think we've gone over that three or four -- .

Q After 1951, Mr. Campbell.

A Yes, I have continued to look at other properties.

Q Did you know that on August 5th, 1953, from Exhibit 168, it appears that the Edmonton District Planning Commission had a notice of motion that the development proposed for Section 27 and vicinity by Mr. Campbell be approved by the Commission. Mr. Moyer moved the Notice of Motion and it was seconded by Mr. Holloway. Did you know that it would be coming up on their next regular Commission meeting?

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A I couldn't tell you that far back -- I could not say.

Q Well, you went so far as to -- some two weeks later --- make your application, did you not? August 31st, 1953, Exhibit 169, the application by Mr. Holloway on your behalf, for formal application for the Commission's approval for your proposed townsite?

A Yes, if it's there I did.

Q So that would be made after the Notice of Motion was given on August 5th, 1953, and before the next regular Commission meeting on September 13th, 1953 --- or September 9th -- I'm sorry, Mr. Commissioner -- that is the meeting of the secret ballot. Is that not correct, Mr. Campbell?

A If it's on the records it must be. As to memory I couldn't verify it.

Q Well, can you help the Commission by telling us why once the Notice of Motion has been given on August 5th, within twenty-six days your formal application is before the Commission, and it is definitely before it on the date of September 9th, 1953, when they are going to vote on your proposal?

A No, I can't answer that.

Q You can't help us in that?

A No sir, I can't, not by memory.

Q When were your options running out with Mrs. Smeltzer, do you know?

A No, I don't remember.

Q I suggest they were running out very shortly, were they not?

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A I don't know.

Q Were you being pressed by the closeness of the option expiry date at any time?

A No, this never bothered any.

Q Why?

A Because these people that I have talked to that had the land there, Mr. Smeltzer, and that, was quite favorable, and I had no question but what he would assist in renewing at that time.

Q Did you have an option in writing with Mr. Hooke for his Southwest quarter?

A The options were all taken up within a few days of each other. Now, as to what date they were, I do not know. I can't remember that.

Q What did you pay Mr. Hooke for his option?

A I paid them all the large sum of one dollar.

Q And did you pay more money to keep them alive?

A I believe I did; I'm not positive.

Q How much?

A I am not going to say how much because I don't remember that clearly.

Q Well, did you do some work behind the scenes with members of the Edmonton District Planning Commission between August 5th and September 9th?

A What do you mean "behind the scenes"?

Q Well, these people were going to vote on your project, weren't they?

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A On a lobbying, as such?

Q You used the word, Mr. Campbell; I suggest it is an apt one. Did you lobby?

A No.

Q I see. Did you just sit back and wait?

A I think the M.D. of Strathcona endeavoured to assist the matter.

Q How about Mr. Holloway? Did he endeavour to assist?

A Not to any of my knowledge, and I doubt it very much.

Q What about Mr. Hooke?

A I don't know about Mr. Hooke, but I don't think so; I don't think he was connected with it.

Q The application was by Mr. Holloway on your behalf; is that correct?

A I don't recollect, but if it's there it must be so.

Q Well, you had him do it for you?

A Mr. Gill, I've been doing a lot of this work and that's a long time ago.

Q Exhibit 170, please. It is a map, Mr. Short. I would like to have Exhibit 170, Mr. Commissioner, we are looking for it.

Thank you. Will you show it to the witness, please?

MR. SHORT: Yes.

Q MR. GILL: Look at that Exhibit 170, please, Mr. Campbell; that, for your information, Mr. Campbell, is the map that was submitted with the application on your behalf made by Mr. Holloway to the Edmonton District Planning Commission, August 21st, 1953, under Exhibit 169. Do you

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Q MR. GILL: (Cont.) recognize it?

A Yes, I think I -- .

Q Did you do some work with Mr. Holloway on the preparation of that exhibit?

A No, I can't draw plans.

Q How long did that take Mr. Holloway to prepare?

A I couldn't tell you, sir; not very long -- he was very fast with his work.

Q How many hours?

A I'm not prepared to say; I don't know.

Q He never billed you for it?

A No.

Q Did you give him any presents for doing this work for you?

A No, I did not.

Q No shares in any companies?

A No.

Q Any stocks or bonds?

A No sir.

Q Any gift at Christmas?

A No.

Q Or New Year's?

A No.

Q On his birthday?

A No.

Q Nothing in the form of a reward or mark of gratification?

A No.

Q Why would Mr. Holloway do this for you without reward?

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A You would have to ask Mr. Holloway that, but Mr. Holloway and I had become -- I think Mr. Holloway was mainly interested in doing it because I was fighting so hard and he was willing to assist me, that he didn't actually think in the back of his mind that it could be done.

Q Did you think it was part of his job as an employee of the Government of Alberta?

A No.

Q You knew that he was?

A This was done in his spare time.

Q He held a number of jobs with the Provincial Government at this time, did you know that?

A No, I didn't.

Q But you knew that he was Chairman, at the relevant time, August 1953 -- no, pardon me -- in 1952 he was Chairman of the Edmonton District Planning Commission?

A Yes.

Q And you knew he was a member of it in August 1953?

A Yes.

Q And that he was Director of Surveys for the Province of Alberta?

A No, I didn't know that.

Q You didn't know that? Did you know he was a surveyor?

A Yes, I believe I understood that from him.

Q But you first saw Mr. Holloway on an official basis?

A Definitely.

Q And then you turned it into a friendly basis?

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A I wouldn't be prepared to say it was turned into a friendly basis. We continued to talk on an official basis as well.

Q Did he do this work for you on the instructions of someone else then?

A I don't think so.

Q You don't know?

A No; I don't think so, though.

Q And then what happened after the meeting of September 9th, 1963, when the townsite as such was approved? What did you do then?

A We had to get other plans that had to be submitted to the Provincial Planning Advisory Board, as it was then known, for final approval.

Q And did you start getting other plans drawn?

A Yes, I believe so.

Q By whom?

A Oh, by various people.

Q Well, you got a Mr. Counts, Jack Edwin Counts involved. How did this happen?

A Mr. Philip Low and Mr. Pelletier, and Mr. Strong, whom I knew, approached me while we were having difficulties with this, and they said that they would look --- they would like to be given a period of time and on a percentage basis, that they could procure the right man who would put this over, which I agreed to.

Q When was that?

A Oh, I don't know. I have the letter from -- on file here.

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Q Which file are you pointing to, Mr. Campbell?

A This one, that's the top.

Q Oh, this was the exhibit yesterday, was it?

A Yes, of cancellation of the agreement with them on February 17th, 1955.

Q February what?

A The 17th, 1955, was the cancellation of the agreement, and I do believe it only lasted about six months. I'm not too sure.

Q I see. Who were Mr. Low and Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Young?

A This Rainier Corporation, I guess -- I don't know much more about them than that.

Q You had given them the right to try and find a developer for you; is that right?

A Yes.

Q And you were to pay them a commission, or pay Rainier Development a commission if they produced such a developer?

A If my memory serves me I think it was on a percentage basis.

Q What percentage?

A A percentage of what I arrived at.

Q How do you mean "you" --- yourself or your company or associates?

A Myself or Cam-Del, whichever you choose to call it -- whatever percentage basis of the agreement or deal I would make with Mr. Counts.

Q They introduced Counts to you, is that correct?

A Yes.

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Q When did they do that?

A I couldn't tell you the date. I do believe it was about six months before that date.

Q Before February 17th, 1955, Exhibit 222?

A Yes.

Q Were you to pay them so much a house, was it?

A I think it was based in my memory -- said we were based upon a percentage of whatever I attained, but I do not remember the details of it.

Q I'm showing you a letter dated June 29th, 1954, bearing a signature. Can you tell me whose signature that is?

A Mine.

Q I am tendering as an exhibit -- well, before, I had better lay a little of the groundwork -- this is a letter to Mr. R. Pelletier, 203 Rawleigh Building, Calgary -- Edmonton, Alberta, and signed by you, Mr. Campbell, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And it reads: "I, John H. Campbell on behalf of myself and Cam-Del Co. Ltd., do hereby agree to the request of Mr. Pelletier in that for a period of fifteen days from this date, June 30th, 1954," -- and it is initialled -- "I will not enter into any further negotiations or complete any contract with any persons, parties or firms, regarding the development of the proposed Town of Campbelltown, and that all negotiations regarding monies to be paid to the above John H. Campbell will temporarily be outlined by Mr. Pelletier. Also the amount of monies required to expedite this particular

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Q (Cont.) project will be outlined by Mr. Pelletier."

THE COMMISSIONER: Date of the letter?

MR. GILL: June 29th, 1954, Mr. Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think this would be a good point
for us to adjourn Mr. Gill.

MR. GILL: Very good, sir. Might we have
this marked Exhibit -- ?

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 229.

LETTER FROM CAMPBELL TO PELLETIER
DATED JUNE 29th, 1954, IS MARKED
EXHIBIT 229.

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Q Thank you. I think we left off before the adjournment, Mr. Campbell, you had identified Exhibit 229, being the document that you had given to Mr. Pelletier, is that correct?

A The letter from Mr. Pelletier that I had signed, you mean?

Q Yes?

A Yes.

Q That was given to him and his group of Lowe and Young and this Rainier Development, was it?

A Yes.

Q And they in effect did produce Mr. Counts?

A Yes.

Q From Wichita, Kansas?

A I believe that was his address.

Q And what did Counts do?

A He submitted a plan for approval, I understand, which was not accepted by the Board.

Q Which Board?

A I think it was the Edmonton District Planning Commission, I am not too sure of all these facts.

Q I see. Well, did you or Cam-Del Co. Ltd. employ Counts?

A No.

Q Well, he came up here from Wichita?

A He came up from Wichita at the request of these other people.

Q I see, and he spent a considerable amount of money?

A I wouldn't know.

Q I see. Well, have you any idea of what he spent?

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A No, I have, I would have no idea of what he spent.

Q If the figure of \$40,000.00 is mentioned, would that be wrong?

A I couldn't see how but I wouldn't argue about it, but I couldn't see how he could.

Q He produced engineers?

A No, not to my knowledge, all he produced was a set of plans.

Q I see.

A Which were not accepted.

Q But he did do an actual detailed plan of a townsite?

A It was a, just a plan of a townsite, not necessarily applying to that area, to my understanding of it, because it was a grid form pattern.

Q Well, it wasn't done for any other area than Campbelltown, was it?

A I couldn't say.

Q You don't have a copy of it?

A No, I do not.

Q I see. Did he produce house plans as well with this grid plan?

A Standard house plans.

Q And did he produce plans for a shopping centre?

A Not to my recollection, no.

Q I see. You were still dealing with him in September of 1954?

A I can't swear as to the dates, sir.

Q What did you call Mr. Counts, what was his first name, was it Jack Edwin Counts?

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A I believe so.

Q Would you refer to him as "Jack"?

A No, "Mr. Counts".

Q I see. I am showing you a copy of a letter dated September 15th 1954, from 8718 79th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, bearing the word, writing, "John", and then above it, or below it is "John H. Campbell"; do you recognize that signature?

A Yes.

Q Whose signature is it?

A Mine.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 230.

LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 15th, 1954
FROM JOHN H. CAMPBELL AS PRODUCED,
MARKED EXHIBIT 230.

Q MR. GILL: Thank you, My Lord. Who is the letter addressed to, Mr. Campbell?

A Mr. Counts I believe.

Q I see. And the letter reads in the first paragraph concerning your looking into house possibilities in Calgary, it is not relevant to this. The last, the third paragraph:

"Am very anxious to receive the house plans as they are holding up estimates on plumbing, heating and electricals. How is the general plan coming along? Interest is very keen for the commencement. There will be no difficulty in filling the houses. Advise me as to the state of things. The best. John H. Campbell."

You sent that letter?

A I believe so.

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Q And that was addressed to Mr. Counts?

A I believe so.

Q So by September 15th, 1954, he was still interested on your behalf?

A I imagine so, if the letter so stated.

Q Well, when you speak of the general plan, that was for the general plans of Campbelltown, was it?

A Yes.

MR. CLEMENT: At this point I might remark that the letter opens with a reference to Forest Lawn in Calgary.

Q MR. GILL: I mentioned that, Mr. Clement, the first three paragraphs appear to deal with your, the first two paragraphs deal with Forest Lawn, is that not correct?

A Yes. I believe Forest Lawn was Mr. Lowe's proposition that I was trying to assist him on.

Q And did you have, when did you finally dispense with the services of Mr. Counts?

A I do believe it was upon the cancellation with Rainier Developments, we had no agreement with Mr. Counts.

Q And that is the Exhibit that is numbered 222, the Notice of Termination?

A Yes.

Q I see, and then who next became interested in the project?

A A. L. Trowbridge and Associates.

Q And how did you get in touch with Mr. Trowbridge and his associates?

A Mr. Trowbridge contacted me and as to the details of it I

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A (cont.) don't know, but he came up, I understand, from a contact, through a contact with Mr. Lowe to look at the Calgary development of Mr. Lowe's, and then further on to Edmonton.

Q Well, the introduction to you of A. L. Trowbridge and his associates was made by Mr. Lowe?

A Not on a percent. I had contacted Mr. Heard and Company in New York who had also referred me to Mr. Trowbridge.

Q Do you have any documentation concerning that?

A No, I don't.

Q I see, were you still supposed to pay Mr. Lowe and his group a percentage or so much a house for introducing Trowbridge?

A No sir.

Q I see, that became the subject of a later dispute, didn't it?

A I think it was brought up all right.

Q I think you got sued over it, didn't you?

A No.

Q Are you certain of that?

A Yes, there was, a threatened lawsuit I believe, but not sued.

Q Didn't Phillip Lowe act as a plaintiff against Albert L. Trowbridge, John Campbell, Sherwood Properties Limited, Roger C. Sanders and Clarmount Construction Limited?

A I believe it was settled without going to court, sir.

Q But a Statement of Claim was issued?

A It never went to court to my knowledge, I never appeared on anything.

Q I am referring to a document, a Statement of Claim number

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Q (Cont.) 66328, issued in the Supreme Court of Alberta, Trial Division, Judicial District of Calgary; unless counsel wish to put it in I don't propose to put it in, but you might show it to the witness and see if he remembers anything more about it?

A I remember it being brought up and that, but I am quite sure it was settled without going to court.

Q I see, but you were sued?

A I don't understand the word "sued".

Q I see. What about Harmon-O'Donnell, can you explain to the Commissioner that plan?

A When Mr. Trowbridge became interested in the Campbelltown development he had Mr. O'Donnell of that firm which Mr. O'Donnell belonged to in Denver come up here and look over the plans that we had and they proceeded to draw the plans that they wanted.

Q And then what about Cole Plan A and Cole Plan B, do you know anything about it?

A No, this I have no recollection of, I don't know anything about the Cole plans.

Q I am showing you Exhibit 175 in these proceedings, a plan approved September 20th 1955, by the Municipal District of Strathcona and signed by A. J. Hooke as Minister of Municipal Affairs September 23rd, 1955; do you know anything about that plan?

A I have seen this plan.

Q Who prepared that?

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A I don't know sir, really.

Q Was it prepared for you?

A This I can't answer, so many versions of plans at that time, but I don't know who drew this up or who submitted it, I really don't.

Q Do you remember when it was signed by Mr. Hooke?

A No, I don't.

Q Arising out of that Exhibit, Mr. Commissioner, might I ask my learned friend, Mr. Friedman, to prepare us another copy of that map from the Government file because this one you will notice is missing a corner, and I looked through the Government file some days ago and I notice that the original one is not so missing, and I would ask if Mr. Friedman would make available a complete plan?

MR. FRIEDMAN: Mr. Commissioner, if we have the equipment on which we can make it we will do so.

Q MR. GILL: I am not making any suggestion that this is improper, I think it just inadvertently got cut off, but my recollection was that the plan was complete when I saw it in the Government's file.

Now, when do you say you met Mr. Holloway first, in his office, was it, on the reference of Mr. Moore?

A I don't know whether, for sure whether it was in his office or in the office of Mr. Moore.

Q I see. Were you in court on September 19th in this Inquiry?

A I was here all except the first day, yes.

Q I see. Did you hear Mr. Holloway giving evidence on

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Q (Cont.) September 19th about the application, Exhibit 159, of November 9th, 1951, and he states at page 538 of this Inquiry after answering a question:

" Q Is there a Smeltzer?"

And his answer was:

" A Smeltzer. This particular application came before the Commission in late 1951 as a result of, as far as I was concerned, an approach that was made to me in the spring of 1951 by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hooke. I remember that we had recently moved and had no telephone and because he was unable to phone . . ."

And then he goes on, page 539, well, at the bottom of 538 he says:

" A Yes, this was about, oh, say the 1st of May, somewhere around there."

but earlier he says:

" A Yes, and because he was unable to telephone or get us by phone, Mr. Hooke drove out, I lived out in the west of the City at that time, he drove out to the house one evening in company with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Spady, his brother-in-law."

This was about the 1st of May or somewhere around there.

Now, do you remember that meeting?

A No, I do not.

Q Did you go with Mr. Hooke and Mr. Spady to Mr. Holloway's home?

A I don't recollect of having done so.

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Q I suggest, Mr. Campbell, that you, Mr. Hooke and Mr. Spady first met Mr. Holloway in accordance with how he spells it out, around the 1st of May, 1951?

A I am, I have tried to recollect that to the best of my ability, but I do not remember that visit, sir.

Q Well, casting your mind back to the meeting you say took place in Mr. Holloway's office as a result of Mr. Moore; Mr. Holloway goes on at page 539 of this Inquiry and says: " A Well, I was introduced to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Spady ..."

and he used the word "introduced".

" ... and Mr. Spady, I think I met Mr. Spady once before but Mr. Campbell was a complete stranger to me and Mr. Hooke, of course, I knew quite well. He was my boss as the Minister in charge of Personnel Administration..."

And then he goes on:

" A ... So, I knew Mr. Hooke well and they came into the house and there was some sort of desultory conversation at first, then they said they had come to ask my advice or consult me about the way to go about establishing a townsite and I asked them where it was and what sort of a townsite and this sort of thing and I gather that what they had in mind, what Mr. Campbell had in mind, the way it was presented to me, this was a brainwave of Mr. Campbell had had and Mr. Hooke was there helping him go about it in the right fashion as Minister of Economic Affairs."

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Q (Cont.) Do you remember that meeting?

A I know I am under oath, Mr. Gill.

Q I am glad.

A And I do not remember that meeting.

Q Was there such a meeting?

A This I am not prepared to say.

Q Could you have been at it?

A I possibly could have but I do not remember, sir. If I could remember it I would tell you.

Q Could it have happened in the way Mr. Holloway said it happened?

A It could have done so but I do not remember it.

Q Could it have happened about the time he says it could have done, May 1st, 1951?

A I imagine it could have, sir, but I do not remember the meeting.

Q So could you be wrong about the first, about first meeting Mr. Holloway in the office of his in the Legislative or Parliament Buildings from Mr. Moore?

A I could be wrong, sir, yes.

Q And Mr. Holloway could be right?

A And Mr. Holloway could be wrong.

Q I see. Did you take Mr. Holloway up to the Corona Hotel to meet Mr. Angellilo?

A I know I took Mr. Holloway to meet Mr. Angellilo, as to whether in the Corona or the Macdonald or that, I do not remember.

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Q Do you know how to spell, how the spelling is of Mr. Angellilo's name?

A A-n-g-e-l-i-l-o, I believe.

Q I see, and when do you think that happened?

A I know it was in the very beginning in the inception of the thing, but that is all I remember.

Q Well, when was the inception of the thing, May, September?

A I don't like to be so evasive but I can't tell you.

Q You do agree you are being evasive?

A I am not trying to be evasive, I am trying to be under oath and tell you exactly what I remember.

Q Is being under oath a matter of trying for you, Mr. Campbell?

A Oh, no, no, you are twisting me.

Q I am not twisting you, I am asking. So you know Mr. Hooke?

A Yes, I do.

Q And you have known him for some time?

A Since I was sent to his office by Mr. Maynard.

Q Would that be before your meeting with Mr. Holloway, if it is as described by Mr. Holloway?

A Come again, please?

Q When did you meet Mr. Hooke first?

A When I, at the same month as when I approached Mr. Tanner, he sent me to Mr. Maynard, Mr. Maynard sent me to Mr. Hooke.

Q And can we try and pin down when?

A No, I cannot tell you.

Q Would it be before May 1st 1951?

A I do believe so.

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Q And you met him in his capacity as Minister of Economic Affairs for the Government of the Province of Alberta?

A Yes.

Q In his office?

A Yes.

Q And where was that office?

A I don't know which building it was in.

Q Somewhere on the Legislative grounds?

A Yes, somewhere.

Q Here in Edmonton?

A Yes.

Q And that was your first meeting with Mr. Hooke?

A I believe, yes.

Q Can you be any more definite than that?

A No, I can't.

Q There is no relationship between your wife and Mr. Hooke's wife, no relationship by blood or marriage?

A You mean my deceased wife?

Q Elizabeth Campbell, now deceased?

A None whatsoever.

Q Have you remarried?

A Yes, I have.

Q And is there a relationship between the present Mrs. Campbell and Mr. or Mrs. Hooke?

A None whatsoever.

Q By blood or marriage?

A None whatsoever.

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Q Now, you have mentioned you met Mr. Tanner, he was a Minister of the Crown at that time?

A Yes.

Q And had you known him very long?

A No.

Q And then you met Mr. Maynard?

A Yes.

Q Who was then the Attorney General for this Province?

A Yes.

Q And you came to know Mr. Hooke's brother?

A Yes, through Mr. Hooke.

Q Yes, his brother's name is Chris, is it not?

A Yes.

Q And he and you and Spady and Alfred John Hooke were all shareholders in Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited?

A Yes.

Q You were business associates?

A Yes.

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Q And did you know Mr. Hinman?

A Not till very recently and then only a casual acquaintance, to speak to.

Q Did you get to know Mr. Arthur Arnold, Deputy Minister of Public Works?

A Yes.

Q How did you come to know him?

A I cannot recall how I came to know him or how I was introduced to him or who by.

Q Did you have any business dealings with him?

A Previous to that, yes.

Q I see, what business dealings were these?

A At one time he was a silent partner in Truckers Tire Servicing Limited.

Q When was this?

A In 1948, I believe.

Q Did you hold some shares or some interest in Truckers Tires Limited?

A Yes.

Q How long did this association go on between you and Mr. Arnold?

A Mr. Arnold was in for a very short period of time and one of the other partners bought out Mr. Arnold's shares.

Q Who was that?

A Mr. Ralph Erickson.

Q Did you know Mr. Eugene Wilson the witness who gave evidence

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Q (cont.) earlier today?

A I have seen and met Mr. Wilson for quite a number of years, as to how many years I wouldn't say but, before he worked for the Provincial Government.

Q You have known him that long?

A Just casually, yes.

Q And do you know Dr. Charles Allard?

A Yes.

Q Have you done some work for him?

A Yes.

Q You have been associated with him in a company, have you not?

A Yes.

Q My learned friend Mr. Clement has very kindly made available the annual reports of Beaver Land Company Limited for 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, '64, '65, and '66. I tender them Mr. Commissioner as Exhibit two hundred and --

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 231.

MR. GILL: --31. Thank you. May those be marked please and can I have them back?

ANNUAL RETURNS FOR THE BEAVER LAND COMPANY LIMITED FROM 1959 to 1966 INCLUSIVE ARE MARKED EXHIBIT 231.

Q MR. GILL: How did Beaver Land Company Limited come to be interested in Campbelltown?

A They weren't interested in Campbelltown, sir.

Q Did Beaver Land Company ever own any land in Campbelltown?

A Not to my knowledge, no, I don't think they ever did.

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Q When did you first become associated with Dr. Allard in Beaver Land Company Limited?

A I had the plans drawn up and submitted through the usual channel of the Municipal District of Strathcona and the Board's permission for the approval of a cemetery.

Q Which Board or Commission?

A The usual channels you have to go through, all Boards and Commissions for any development.

Q And you were developing a cemetery?

A Yes.

Q In connection with Campbelltown?

A No.

Q I see, as a commercial investment?

A Yes.

Q I see, and Exhibit 231, the annual report of December 31st, 1959 shows that John Hooke Campbell owned three hundred of the nine hundred ordinary shares in this company, would that be correct?

A I believe so.

Q And that you and Dr. Charles Allard were the sole directors of the company?

A I believe so.

Q And you are shown as a planning consultant, is that the way you described yourself in 1959?

A Then and now, yes.

Q Other shareholders being Paris Investments Limited, that is

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Q (cont.) a company of Dr. Allard's, is it?

A I believe that is right.

Q And North West Trust Company Limited who is interested primarily in that company, to your knowledge?

A Yes.

Q Who?

A Pardon?

Q Who is interested in that company primarily, to your knowledge?

A I know Dr. Allard is, I don't know of anybody else.

Q Who is Margaret C. Matheson?

A She is a relation of Mr. Matheson, the lawyer.

Q Who is M. Lois Macdonald? All of these Mr. Commissioner are shown as shareholders.

A She is a relative or wife or something of Mr. Macdonald the lawyer.

Q And Joan E. Dickins, housewife, who is she?

A That is a relative or, wife, I don't know, of Mr. Dickins the lawyer.

Q And did Beaver Land Company Limited acquire the land for this cemetery from you or Cam-Del Company Limited?

A No. I did the planning work on it and the submission work on it and then this company was formed and for my endeavours and my work and everything concerning it, I was given three hundred shares.

Q And where was this cemetery located?

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A A mile east and a little over half a mile -- no, not quite half a mile south. A mile east of the corner of Campbelltown, the beginning of the corner of the shopping centre, a mile east from there and then not quite half a mile south.

Q Who owned the land originally?

A Lester Leroy Ball.

Q And did you buy it from Mr. Ball?

A I had options.

Q And did you option it in to Cam-Del and then on to the cemetary company?

A No. It was never by Cam-Del, I don't believe, I just optioned it from Lester Leroy Ball to myself, I believe.

Q Did A.J. Hooke in any way benefit or have an interest in Beaver Land Company?

A Not to my knowledge sir, none whatsoever.

Q What about through you?

A No.

Q I see, and whose idea was it to start the cemetary company and promote a cemetary out there?

A Mine.

Q I see, did Mr. Holloway help you on this?

A I don't think so.

Q Did you know Mr. Kutt who has given evidence here?

A I knew that he was a farmer in that area and that he was employed as a night watchman one winter by Trowbridge and Associates and I knew that he had a farm which I had tried

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A (cont.) to option from him or purchase from him through option.

Q When did you try to do that?

A I would say it was in '54 or '55, in that neighbourhood, I am not positive.

Q Did he tell you that anyone else was interested in that land?

A No.

Q Did you tell Mr. Hooke about the Kutt quarter section?

A No.

Q What finally happened to the Kutt quarter section?

A The Kutt quarter section that I am speaking of is the Kutt quarter section adjacent to the Wye Road.

Q Do you know the legal description of it?

A No. It was where he was living at that time.

Q You say it is right adjacent to the Wye Road?

A Yes.

Q Did he own another quarter section?

A I don't know.

Q Well, where would it be in relation to the Kaplain quarter?

A A half a mile east and directly on the south side of the road.

Q If Mr. Kutt says that it was a mile east and half a mile south of the Kaplain buildings, would he be correct?

A Pardon? Come again?

Q If Mr. Kutt states that his land was approximately a mile east and half a mile south of Kaplain's building would he be

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Q (cont.) correct?

A He may have had more than the quarter which I was interested in which I did not know of.

Q Well, what finally happened to the Kutt quarter that you were interested in?

A Nothing. Then I think the zoning was then changed, a little later on, and there was no development allowed next to the Wye Road.

Q Did Mr. Kutt sell his land to anyone, to your knowledge?

A I don't know anything about it after that, sir.

Q Do you know if it was subdivided into small holdings?

A Not the land that I was interested in.

Q And do you know Mr. Hawkins?

A Yes I do.

Q How long have you known him?

A I had seen him around and I had been introduced to him when I first contacted the M.D. regarding Campbelltown and later when Mr. Roberts died, he took his position and I became quite well acquainted with him then.

Q Did you become acquainted with the councillors of the M.D. of Strathcona?

A Oh yes.

Q And you knew Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer quite well?

A Yes, quite well but only the acquaintance was through my introduction of myself to acquire the option on the land.

Q And Mr. Hunter?

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A Yes.

Q And did you get to know Mr. Giffen of the Edmonton Town Planning Commission?

A Yes I knew him, yes but, I knew him as Mr. Giffen of the Planning Board.

Q And you knew Mr. Dant?

A Yes.

Q Mr. Lash?

A Yes.

Q Mr. Gertler?

A I wouldn't say that if I met them on the street that I would know them but I did in their official capacity.

Q You would be going to see them from time to time?

A Oh yes.

Q And you would be making requests and trying to persuade them concerning Campbelltown?

A Trying to formulate the plans and that as to what was necessary by regulation and by their request.

Q Did you know a Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton?

A I had met him but not to know him, no.

Q Did you approach any other surveyor other than Mr. Holloway who produced the initial outline plan for Campbelltown?

A I -- outline plan?

Q The first one, sketch plan?

A No. I was a bit confused sir, I was thinking when you mentioned surveyor, I did have a surveyor, Mr. Gatez do a

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A (cont.) topographical plan.

Q G-a-t-e-s?

A G-a-e-t-z.

Q But that was to tie in with Mr. Holloway's work?

A Yes.

Q And you knew Mr. Bryan?

A Yes.

Q He has acted for you for some time?

A Yes.

Q And you have told me you knew Mr. Hamilton?

A Not very well. I have met him, yes.

Q Wasn't he the Planning Commissioner for the City of Edmonton at one time?

A At a later date, yes.

Q You knew him when he was a surveyor, did you?

A No, no, I didn't know him until -- when I met him was about two years ago when we were going to Fort McMurray on the oil sands development out in Fort McMurray is when I first met him.

Q You were involved in that also?

A No, I was asked by an individual company to give my opinion and analysis of it, that was all.

Q You seem to have known virtually every witness we have had in this Inquiry to date Mr. Campbell, would that be a fair statement?

A I do believe I know everybody so far.

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Q I am showing you a Transfer of Land from Alfred J. Hooke to the Beaver Land Company Limited dated August 9th, 1960 being Exhibit 34 in these proceedings whereby in consideration of \$1,790.00 paid to Mr. Hooke by Marilena Ranches Limited of Edmonton, Mr. Hooke transferred to the Beaver Land Company Lot 18, Subdivision Plan 998MC consisting of 3.5 acres more or less?

A Yes.

Q Do you know anything about that?

A To be very honest with you, no, not till very recently when we were trying to trace it but I don't know anything of this transfer at all.

Q But you were a shareholder and one of the two directors of Beaver Land Company Limited?

A Oh, only I believe, in my understanding, was only insofar as the cemetery was concerned. Now, I am not too positive of that either, sir. I don't know anything about this.

Q You don't.

Q No I do not.

Q Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Bowen?

MR. CLEMENT: Just a moment, sir.

I should just perhaps point out sir that Exhibit 218 shows that Mr. Campbell was not a director in 1960 which is the date of the transfer, Exhibit 34. As Mr. Gill has referred to a Statement of Claim, Action number 66328 in the Supreme Court of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, it is

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MR. CLEMENT: (cont.) possible other counsel might want to refer to it sir and perhaps it should be put in.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, we will mark that Exhibit 232.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM NUMBER 66328 IS ENTERED AND MARKED EXHIBIT 232.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Bowen.

MR. BOWEN EXAMINES THE WITNESS:

Q Mr. Campbell, I would like to direct your attention for the moment to the fall of 1951 and you recall that is the time that the letter to the Municipal District of Strathcona was sent in by you. Now at that time you were the general manager of Ideal Homes and Building Supplies Limited, correct?

A I was the manager, yes.

Q Did you have any other business interests other than that, at that time?

A I don't think so, sir.

Q So that together with your plans for the development of Campbelltown and Ideal Homes, you had no other business interests?

A I can't recall, I may have.

Q Well, what would they be if you did have?

A I don't recall, sir.

Q And in the Exhibit 158 which my learned friend has referred to many times this morning, it is the letter to the Municipal District, you have indicated that you were acting with associates, is this right?

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A Yes.

Q And yet the only associates that you had in fact, at that time, were Alfred Hooke, Chris Hooke and Spady, is this not a fact?

A They were partners in business with me in Ideal Homes but they certainly had no connection whatsoever, association or anything at all to do with the development of the townsite.

Q Is it not a fact that these were the only business associates you had in November of 1951?

A I guess so.

Q Right, so that associates in the letter of November of 1951 could refer to these three gentlemen, could it not? It is possible?

A Not as far as I am concerned, no.

Q It could be construed this way?

A I wouldn't want to say whether you could or not. I don't.

Q Now, my learned friend referred also to a meeting that was alleged by Mr. Holloway in May of 1951 at Mr. Holloway's house. Your answer was that you had no recollection of such meeting?

A This is the truth.

Q Well tell me this, prior to May of 1951 did you have any meetings to discuss in any way this proposal for a new town between yourself and Spady and Alfred John Hooke?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Well now, what do you mean by that answer, is it that you do

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Q (cont.) not remember?

A I don't remember ever having any and I doubt it very much.

Q You at that time were the general manager of Ideal Homes?

A Just the manager.

Q All right, the manager; and the other participants in this were Spady and Alfred Hooke?

A And Chris.

Q And Chris Hooke. Did you have a small office at that time?

A Yes.

Q Did Mr. Alfred Hooke participate actively in the business?

A No.

Q Did he attend at the offices of Ideal Homes at various times in the spring of 1951?

A I don't remember him there except -- in the spring of 1951? I didn't join them until August or the latter part of July '51.

Q So it was in July you joined them in '51?

A July 31st.

Q And, if Mr. Holloway is to be believed, there was a meeting between you and Mr. Spady and Mr. Hooke on May 1st of '51?

A I have stated that I do not remember that meeting, sir.

Q You can't deny that it took place though, can you?

A Yes I can because I don't believe, I don't remember it so therefore as far as my memory is concerned I can deny it.

Q If you cannot remember it, how can you deny it?

A I can't say that it didn't happen, no.

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Q Well, we have Mr. Holloway's evidence that such a meeting took place, he does remember Mr. Campbell?

A I don't.

Q Right. That was in May he says that meeting took place then in July you became manager of Ideal Homes, is this correct?

A Yes.

Q And the main meeting allegedly was between yourself, Spady and A.J. Hooke and then you joined the Company in July?

A Yes.

Q Is this the sequence of events?

A Roughly, I gather.

Q Tell me, were you on a first name basis with Mr. Hooke?

Did you call him Alf and did he call you Jack?

A Not at that time I don't believe.

Q Do you now?

A In private that we do, yes, but not in public.

Q In any event Mr. Campbell, at the time that you went with Ideal Homes, you had started or it had been started for some time in the Campbelltown project?

A Previous to that, yes.

Q And I suppose that in your dealing with Ideal Homes, to go with them as their manager, you did have talks and conversations with Mr. Hooke, both Mr. Hooke and Mr. Spady?

A Talks and conversations, yes.

Q And is it your evidence today that at no time was your interest in Sherwood Park or a development of this nature

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Q (cont.) mentioned to them?

A I would say a development, yes, but I wouldn't want to say that it was that actual location, sir.

Q So that the development was discussed then?

A I wouldn't say. There is a possibility of it.

Q What do you say?

A I say it is possible that I had discussed with them the formation of a town.

Q I understood your evidence yesterday, when you first started giving evidence, was to the effect that you were going to do Campbelltown but this wasn't to form any part of your duties with Ideal Homes, you made a special point of telling us that?

A That's right.

Q Why did you make a special point of telling us that?

A Just to clarify the situation that I was not brought into Ideal Homes on account of my idea regarding the townsite because it was so vague that one couldn't tell whether it would ever be a townsite or not.

Q Were you endeavouring to make it clear at the outset that Mr. Hooke had no part of Campbelltown development?

A I have been asked the question so often --

MR. MAYNARD: Mr. Commissioner, reference has been made to a statement that was made by the witness yesterday. I think that statement should be read because, my recollection of the statement is not the --

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THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I think if you are referring to a statement that you have in the transcript Mr. Bowen --

MR. BOWEN: I haven't taken the time, sir, to ascertain the exact point in the transcript.

THE COMMISSIONER: I think if you are quoting a statement --

MR. BOWEN: No, no.

THE COMMISSIONER: -- since we have a transcript, it should be made available.

MR. MAYNARD: Now that I have raised the point, for Mr. Bowen's information, and before he carries on his cross-examination, my recollection and, I have it out before me, is that the witness stated yesterday that he was interested in the development of a townsite. Not Campbelltown specifically.

MR. BOWEN: Well, I am not going to split hairs with my learned friend --

MR. MAYNARD: Well, the reason I mentioned it Mr. Speaker -- Mr. Commissioner, is because on two occasions Campbelltown has been referred to specifically. I am sorry.

MR. BOWEN: I will come back.

Q MR. BOWEN: Have you had any discussions concerning Campbelltown, development of towns, this whole matter, recently, with Mr. Hooke?

A No I have not.

Q When is the last discussion you had with him concerning this?

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A My interest in Campbelltown completely finished when A.L. Trowbridge and Associates took over.

Q I am not asking you when it finished, I am asking you if you had any discussions with Mr. Hooke?

A No.

Q Did you have any discussions with Mr. Hooke concerning this whole matter in February of this year when the House was sitting?

A No.

Q Now your evidence -- at least, let me ask you this, did Mr. Hooke wish to sign the option in 1953 for his quarter section?

A He was very much against signing the option at anytime.

Q Do you recall a meeting in October, around the 1st of October, 1951 between yourself and Mr. Holloway and Mr. Hooke, presumably in the building, the Government Building?

A No I can't recall it.

Q Do you recall Mr. Holloway giving evidence of this meeting?

A Possibly he did but I can't recall it. I can't recall any meeting.

Q Now, did Mr. Hooke at anytime indicate to you that he would assist you in this matter?

A Definitely not. Not in any way that I can think of, no.

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Q Well, do you deny that you had meetings with Mr. Hooke present during the year 1951, concerning the development of a town?

A No, I don't deny having meetings with him in his official capacity as a member of the Government, because that's where I was sent to first, and I knew of no other place to go to, and as a Government -- he assisted me, yes.

Q He did indicate then, that he would assist you?

A By having employees of the Government, such as Mr. Holloway and that, yes, he assisted me.

Q All right, the answer is yes, he did say he would assist you?

A By -- and I answer you again -- yes, by having employees of the Government that were aware of that work assist me, yes.

Q Now, did he ever say that he would put his position behind this project to see it come to fruition?

A No.

Q At no time?

A At no time.

Q Did you have any meetings that you can recall with Alfred John Hooke privately, between the two of you, during the year 1951?

A No.

Q On no subject at all?

A Nothing except company meetings of Ideal Homes.

Q All right, let's come back to Ideal Home Company meetings.

Is it your evidence that you made it clear, prior to joining

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Q (Cont.) Ideal Homes, that the Campbelltown, or the development of a new town, was not going to be part of your duties with them?

A The development of the townsite that I had in mind would be no part of anybody's except my own.

Q Now, what discussion ensued between Mr. Spady and the two Mr. Hooke's at this time concerning this subject. I would like to hear it all. All that you can remember.

A That is about all -- I was definite about/and they agreed.

Q That was all?

A Yes.

Q Was Mr. Hooke in the housebuilding business during the late forties?

A I couldn't tell you, sir; I don't know.

Q Thanks, Mr. Campbell.

MR. CRAWFORD EXAMINES WITNESS:

Q How long have you known Mr. N. E. Tanner, Mr. Campbell?

A Oh, I had been introduced to Mr. Tanner some time previous to me going up and seeing him, and that is the extent of my knowing him. I knew him by name but I didn't know where to go in the beginning of the townsite, so I went to Mr. Tanner. I don't know the man at all and he doesn't know me.

Q Was that a suggestion from Mr. Arnold, that he would be the man to see?

A No.

Q Did Mr. Arnold make any suggestion to you as to who would be the man to see?

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A Not to my knowledge, sir. This I was doing on my own.

Q So no one suggested to you that Mr. Tanner would be the man to see?

A No.

Q What other members of the Executive Council did you know at that time?

A I don't think I knew any at all. I don't think I knew any of them at that time, no.

Q At that time did you hold a position with the Alberta Social Credit League?

A I never held a position in the Social Credit League.

Q Have you ever been a member of that party?

A Yes sir, I have.

Q For how long?

A Twenty years or more.

Q How much more?

A I do believe I joined it in 1940, thereabouts, but this is as close as I can come to it.

Q Where did you live in 1940?

A In Edmonton here, but which place I don't know.

Q I don't need to know where in Edmonton. It was in Edmonton, that's fine.

A Yes, I believe so.

Q Have you paid social or political calls to Mr. Hooke in connection with party business, either at his office or at his home at any time?

A Social Credit Party business you mean?

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Q Political business.

A Political business?

Q Yes.

A No.

Q Have you been an active worker for the party?

A Oh, yes, I have.

Q What sort of work did you do?

A At the conventions and in particular I was one of the group in charge of registrations.

Q Anything else?

A Oh, I assisted at election time in the constituency I lived in; that's about all.

Q In the course of this did you get to meet members of the Executive Council?

A Not too many, no, not too many.

Q And you say that as a result of political work you have not called upon Mr. Hooke at his office?

A No, he -- I was concerned with the ridings within the City, and his riding was outside. There would be no connection that I could possibly see or think of.

Q And in connection with political affairs you did or did not call upon Mr. Hooke at his home?

A Not.

Q Not at any time?

A Not in regard to that question that you said.

Q Not in regard to political affairs at any time?

A That's right.

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Q Now, you said you had done some work in the constituencies in the City of Edmonton. Did you have a position in the party?

A No.

Q You were a campaign worker?

A Yes, that's right.

Q Have you ever been invited to any social function held by the Social Credit Party?

A Only to those that were open to the public.

Q You mean public meetings?

A Well, they have held teas for Mrs. Manning, and etc., over at the auditorium, which was open to everybody to go to -- those things, yes -- private things, no.

Q Have you ever had a loan at the Treasury Branch?

A Yes.

Q When was the first one?

A About the end of April of '45 -- 1945. From there on I had dealt with them.

Q Do you still?

A Yes, I do.

Q Did you borrow money during the early 1950's from the Treasury Branch?

MR. CLEMENT: Mr. Commissioner, that's rather a broad question. We are not inquiring into Mr. Campbell's personal affairs. If there is some relationship between the question and the subject matter of the inquiry I think it should be made plain.

MR. CRAWFORD: I think I can make it with a

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MR. CRAWFORD: (Cont.) couple of more questions after this answer.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Crawford, I think you should limit your questioning to the Sherwood Park development or -- that other company --- ?

MR. CLEMENT: Ideal Homes?

THE COMMISSIONER: Ideal Homes --- because those are the matters in question. I don't think you have any -- you should go beyond that far, as far as personal affairs are concerned, but I think the question is proper with regard to either one of those transactions.

Q MR. CRAWFORD: I'm going to ask him about Ideal Homes, Mr. Commissioner, but Mr. Campbell testified this morning that at least one of the options in the vicinity of Sherwood Park was taken in his own name, and that was in respect to the cemetery, as I recall it; and so far this morning that has been material, and I will ask Mr. Campbell right now, in order that Mr. Clement will know the sort of question that he was objecting to in advance -- did you borrow money from the Treasury Branches for the purpose of acquiring options?

A No.

Q Ever?

A No, not -- I don't think so.

Q Did Ideal Homes operate its banking account at the Treasury Branch?

A For a period of time it did, sir.

Q Did you assist in making financial arrangements at the

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Q (Cont.) Treasury Branch for Ideal Homes?

A No, I did not.

Q Who did make the arrangements at the Treasury Branch on behalf of Ideal Homes, for banking?

A May I refer to these Minutes, sir?

Q Yes.

A May I quote to you from the Minutes? The 28th day of March, 1951 -- then I was not a shareholder or a director in Ideal Homes -- the only thing I have on the Minutes is -- the 28th day of March, 1951 -- then I was not a shareholder or a director in Ideal Homes, and the only thing I have on the Minutes is: The Secretary, Mr. Spady, informed the application at the Treasury Branch for a revolving credit loan of \$45,000.00 had been accepted. This would be before my time, and I don't see anything in the Minutes or anything else any further on, any loan being negotiated with the Treasury Branch after I became a part of the company.

Q Is the banking resolution establishing the account in the Minute Book?

A I don't think so, sir. I don't know. I haven't studied or read it very thoroughly. I do know that -- I don't think that there was anything further dealing with the Treasury Branches. Was there not an Act passed that Members couldn't do so, or some time shortly after that?

Q Well, we won't go into that. What about Cam-Del, the other company that you were interested in, Mr. Campbell. Did it operate an account at the Treasury Branch?

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A No.

Q Ever?

A No.

Q Where did it operate its account?

A At the Royal Bank.

Q Do you know what the \$45,000.00 borrowed from the Treasury Branch by way of a revolving credit, was used for?

A I imagine, sir, it was for the erection of houses and purchasing of materials for these houses, which was the business that they were in, and the loan from the -- loans from the mortgage companies are progressive loans, and you have to have a revolving credit to work on.

Q And did you learn about that arrangement for credit when you became involved in the company a few months afterwards?

A No.

Q As manager you didn't become aware of that?

A Possibly I did, sir, but I don't remember anything about it, that I did anything about it or realized it was done or what.

Q Weren't you concerned about having it repaid?

A Well, I am now.

Q Is it unpaid now?

A No, it is paid.

Q Do you know when?

A I believe it was paid right after the Legislative Assembly passed the Act that no members of the party and that should deal with or have loans or anything -- and I think it was paid

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A (Cont.) right after that -- when that was, I don't remember.

Q Did the shareholders raise the money personally, or from another lender?

A From another bank, sir.

Q Have you had any personal financial dealings with Alfred Hooke?

A No.

Q Have you ever borrowed money from him?

A No.

Q Has he ever borrowed money from you?

A No.

Q Has any company that you have been interested in ever loaned money to Alfred Hooke?

A I don't think so, no.

Q Has Alfred Hooke ever borrowed money from any company you have been associated with?

A Not to my recollection, Mr. Crawford; I don't recall it.

Q So is the answer to my question about your financial transactions involving yourself and Alfred Hooke, that there have never been any at all?

A Personally, no.

Q Well, I guess you paid him a dollar for an option at one point?

A Yes.

Q And who paid that? Cam-Del?

A Yes, that would come out of Cam-Del's finance.

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Q And was that one dollar transaction, then, the only financial transaction between any company in which you were interested, and Mr. Hooke?

A Outside of any further monies, which I don't recall -- any further monies being paid on further options, that would be the only monies that was ever between us.

Q So that your answer is that the only monies that there ever were involved between any company in which you were interested, and Alfred Hooke, were monies paid for options to Alfred Hooke?

A To my recollection today, yes.

Q Do you remember what the financial arrangement was, if you know, on the moving of Mr. Hooke's house?

A I had nothing to do with that whatsoever in any way --know nothing of it. That was Sherwood Properties that -- .

Q May I see Exhibit 164, please, Mr. Short? Having reviewed Exhibit 164 this morning, Mr. Campbell, --- I think you have --- would you look at it again? My question will relate only to the first page, Mr. Campbell, if you will have a look at that.

A Okay.

Q I will refer you in particular to the second paragraph where you make the statement that you consulted several competent sources of opinion about the probable course of industrial development. Do you see that?

A Yes.

Q And when you made that statement, had you consulted sources

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Q (Cont.) of opinion?

A Yes, to the extent that the industry, particularly in the area involved, was -- relied upon oil and pipe lines, and that they had to be accessible to the river.

Q What was the source of that opinion?

A From the various people in plants, and from the Industrial Development Board, and many other places that were interested in industry.

Q Did Mr. Holloway ever say to you that those facts about that industrial area were true?

A No, I don't believe he did. I think that was just a consensus of opinion that I had gathered from many places that were interested in development.

Q And these were what you referred to as competent sources of opinion?

A Well, the Industrial Development Board, I would say, would be competent, because they would be aware and in touch with where the industry would probably be coming, and where it would possibly locate ---as practically all the industry is related to the refineries and to the oil, which is in turn related to the pipe line.

Q What department was the Industrial Development Board under?

A I don't know what it was under then and I don't know what it is under now.

Q It was associated with the Provincial Government as a provincial board?

A Oh, yes.

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Q Do you remember whom you saw at the Industrial Development Board?

A Mr. Martland, I believe.

Q And you don't remember whether or not it was associated with the Department of Economic Affairs?

A I don't think it was; I don't see where the relationship is. Possibly it was, but I know that I contacted Mr. Martland who is quite an authority upon industrial development.

Q Isn't it true that one of the competent sources of opinion that you were able to make use of, was the Department of Economic Affairs itself?

A ¹¹ I don't think so, any more than some of the other departments. It was certainly the department that I contacted in the very beginning, that gave me the assistance with Mr. Holloway and other people concerned; but I don't think the Economic Affairs was the main department or the only department that I had to --- as soon as the plans were started I certainly had to contact Municipal Affairs -- .

Q I'm not talking about after the plan was settled, Mr. Campbell -- don't misunderstand me -- I'm still referring to the reference to competent sources of opinion that said that there would be a certain course for industrial development in that area, and I suggest to you that your source of information was the Minister of Economic Affairs.

A No, my source was the industrial development, and some of the engineering firms and the Municipal District of Strathcona, who would be quite aware of any development in their area.

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Q Mr. Commissioner, perhaps I could adjourn five minutes early -- I would just like to have the opportunity of asking Mr. Campbell one or two more questions, and it would assist me to be able to look at my notes before doing so, and if I do so -- .

THE COMMISSIONER:

Well, it's three minutes to one anyway; we will adjourn then until tomorrow morning at nine.

(Proceedings adjourned at 12:57 p.m.)



